

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL 2022 FOR 2023 BUDGET MEETING
DEPARTMENT HEARINGS
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
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8:00 AM

The Warrick County Council met in the regular budget session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Administrator Krystal Powless was in attendance.

Auditor Debbie Stevens attended and recorded the minutes.

Council President, Greg Richmond, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

CLERK

Clerk Patty Perry: Good morning, gentlemen.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good morning.

Councilman Rick Reid: Good morning.

Clerk Patty Perry: Should I start, or you?

Councilman Greg Richmond: There's donuts back here if anybody wants them.

Councilman David Hachmeister: That's the nicest thing anyone's said to me this morning.

Clerk Patty Perry: I have my Chief Deputy Kim Kelley here with me as well.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I marked just the ones that are up. Not bad. Your General Supplies were up.

Clerk Patty Perry: Mr. Richmond, which are you looking at? The Clerk?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Clerk.

Clerk Patty Perry: Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Number one (1) here.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Oh.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's about halfway down. It went up from twelve-eighty-fourty-five (\$12,845.00) to fifteen (\$15,000.00). Looks like you encumbered some and your total budget last year with the encumbrance was fourteen-six (\$14,600.00). But the budget adopted was twelve-eighty-fourty-five (\$12,845.00).

Krystal Powless: And they've only spent four thousand sixty (\$4,060.00), but that...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is that June 1st?

Krystal Powless: Yeah, I didn't push myself to do June 30th cause I didn't think I'd get the packets out in time. So, it was June 1st date. So.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And then Contractual Services are up a little. It's not a big deal. Postage, I guess, because costs of stamps have gone up.

Clerk Patty Perry: Right. Does the postage meter go up with that? Is that automatic?

Krystal Powless: Um hum, well, we have to adjust it, but yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. And Travel Expenses is up a little bit and Equipment Maintenance is up just a little bit. So, those are pretty (inaudible). The biggest one (1) was General Supplies.

Clerk Patty Perry: Krystal, the Travel Expense, what was that showing as a...

Krystal Powless: Thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) as of 06-01. I didn't do 06-30. I will do 06-30 eventually, but I haven't done them yet.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You, the adopted budget was a thousand (\$1,000.00) and you transferred a thousand (\$1,000.00) into that.

Krystal Powless: On Postage.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's on Travel Expense.

Krystal Powless: So, perhaps you can lower the Postage line and increase the Travel line. And I say that, if, I mean we're not doing this in this session, but, they spent five thousand (\$5,000.00), six thousand (\$6,000.00), four thousand (\$4,000.00) on Postage over the last three (3) years. They transferred two thousand (\$2,000.00) out of Postage to cover the Travel and the Other. Perhaps you can lower Postage and increase Travel.

Clerk Patty Perry: I don't think we need to increase our Travel though.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That would be, your school is probably in, where you go to your schools, probably in the, what do you call that...?

Krystal Powless: Well, if it's State Called, it's covered out of unappropriated. But, she could also be paying Travel out of Elected Officials Training Fund if she's taking classes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Clerk Patty Perry: I've not traveled any this year. I have some things at home. So, and next year may be the same as well.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Probably do a lot online too. Okay. Anything else on this page, anybody? The next page is Clerk's Records going back, it's on page twenty-six (26). That looks like that's just maintained pretty much.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And is that a fee?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is that a perpetuation?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

ELECTION

Councilman Greg Richmond: And then, Election.

Krystal Powless: And just a refresher course, I put a tab in your binder so anything on your paper that doesn't start with a thousand (1000) is in the front of that tab. And anything, oh, I said that backwards. Anything that starts with a thousand (1000) is in the front and anything that starts with a different number is in the back.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page forty-nine (49) is the Election. And the only line, I'm not looking at salaries now because we'll consider all of that probably when we're doing raises and everything.

Krystal Powless: Correct.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The only line that was up was Part-Time. Let me follow it over here. Part-Time and it went from eight thousand (\$8,000.00) to ten thousand (\$10,000.00). Next year is City Election. Hopefully, you can save some money. And I have a question. I've heard it stated before. Do the Cities and Towns pay fees into this? Or pay for those elections?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, whatever we budget this year for Election can roll over in their cash balance?

Krystal Powless: No, not exactly.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: It's a certain amount that they will reimburse you (inaudible).

Clerk Patty Perry: Percentage.

Krystal Powless: It's, yeah, so, if she spends things for her department, they're not on the, you know, it's specific to the Election for the City that would be reimbursed. And the other thing is, I do question why the Part-Time went up when they transferred sixty-two hundred (\$6,200.00) out of the eight thousand (\$8,000.00) last year for this year.

Clerk Patty Perry: I don't know what line she's looking at, Kimmy. Got to find it. Oh, here it is.

Chief Deputy Clerk Kim Kelley: Yeah, Part-time.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Why would they need more than nineteen (19)?

Clerk Patty Perry: I know that as far as the Part-Time goes, on off-election years, they're doing a lot of maintenance work within the Election Office. Voter list maintenance and so forth. It's still staying within the twenty-eight (28) per week. Angie needs all the help she can get whenever it comes to that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Now, your Postage dropped three thousand (\$3,000.00), but you had transferred out of that three thousand (\$3,000.00) earlier too.

Krystal Powless: I mean, truly, you're supposed to be comparing it to the year that...

Councilman Greg Richmond: '19?

Krystal Powless: Yeah. But, I don't know how it's going to work with Vote Centers now.

Clerk Patty Perry: And we just had another meeting.

Councilman Greg Richmond: A lot of your Postage expenses like the absentee, mailing out those things?

Clerk Patty Perry: Yes, Sir. And that's going to be...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Just had a meeting that kind of turned completely around from the meeting prior to that (inaudible). I got a call last night about that. I'll explain it to these guys later.

Clerk Patty Perry: We couldn't get a unanimous vote.

Councilman Greg Richmond: We're stuck.

Clerk Patty Perry: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: We're stuck with, we have to have all eighteen (18) because they would not budge.

Councilman Rick Reid: You sure you need a unanimous vote now?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes. And the State law requires, the biggest part of the expense was the early voting, and State law requires whatever you had in the spring, you have to have in the fall. So, we have to keep the early voting exactly like it is.

Councilman Rick Reid: So, if you make a mistake early, you have to maintain your mistake?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Councilman Rick Reid: That's real smart.

Clerk Patty Perry: I like how you worded that Mr. Reid.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Clerk Patty Perry: Yes. Oh, I'm sorry. I, we are reducing workers and machines which is going to help out. And I want to really reduce workers. I don't think it's gonna, we're gonna be as bombarded as what we were in the last Presidential Election. So, that's going to really go down. I tried. Andrew tried.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I know. I told Andrew, it's a good thing I wasn't at the meeting.

Clerk Patty Perry: I wish you were.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I would have blown my stack. I can't hold back any more on this. I've been on the Council thirty-six (36) years and never has any Board that doesn't produce, you know, the Election doesn't produce an income. You don't have fees and things like that where you can produce income. Never has this happened where they've exceeded to where they had to go get funds from someplace else. If we didn't have the Rainy Day Fund, I don't know where we'd get it.

Krystal Powless: Exactly.

Councilman Greg Richmond: We can't go into other people's funds and take it out. So, this is a problem. And I want to talk to Mr. Gerling and I want to talk to whoever it is that makes these decisions to let them know it's not us. It's not political. It's just dollars and cents and we have something that we're in concrete with and we can't change. Rainy Day Funds are meant for one (1) time emergency use. They're not meant to go continually. The statement was made, oh, we can use Rainy Day Funds. The statement was made we could also use ARPA funds, which I found out we cannot use ARPA Funds. So, this this is just, it's insane.

Clerk Patty Perry: It is truly and, you know, we were fighting for it, Andrew and I were, I can tell you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, I know Andrew told me he was really upset.

Clerk Patty Perry: Andrew, I've never seen him quite like that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I could tell he was upset when he talked to me.

Clerk Patty Perry: I will tell you that, and I'm not speaking ill of him, Mr. Gerling is new.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes.

Clerk Patty Perry: So, I'll give him that, the fact that he's new. So, I think maybe he needs to do a little bit more research. But, he's also taking his, taking the advice of the Party, the Democratic Party. So, and I mean, we had, it was infuriating to be honest. I bet, the meeting, we walked out of it and I was pissed. Sorry. Cause I know we need to save the money.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Clerk Patty Perry: And I'm not taking it lightly. I want you to know that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I understand that. Yeah. I know there were two (2). I know about that. That's why I want to talk to him and just try to reason with him and whoever's in charge of him. Even if I had to go to the Democratic Party and explain it to them. They're not trying to cut anybody's voting. We just have so many dollars and we've got to deal with it. If it's a unanimous vote, if we want to go back to all the, the old way of doing things too.

Clerk Patty Perry: See, I was told originally by Mr. Gerling that he was in agreement on cutting them. And then, I guess, they got ahold of him.

Councilman Greg Richmond: His mind was changed between the two (2) meetings.

Councilman Ron Bacon: (Inaudible).

Clerk Patty Perry: Lori Levinson is the Democratic Party Chair. Gary Gardner was there. Cindy Warren and her husband were there from the Democratic Party. That was, and then, obviously, well Diane Warble. But Grant, although Andrew calls Gary. I did write his name down (inaudible) show him.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Who is the second one you said? Lori Levinson, Cindy Warren...

Clerk Patty Perry: Cindy Warren's husband. His name is Mike.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Mark.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Mark.

Clerk Patty Perry: Mark.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Mark.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Mark Warren?

Krystal Powless: Gary Gardner.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Gardner, yes.

Clerk Patty Perry: Gary Gardner, yeah.

Krystal Powless: He was on the Election Board before.

Clerk Patty Perry: Never with Vote Centers though. It got heated though.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. They're just, they're ignorant of the process is the problem. I mean, they're sticking up for something that they think, and I understand, people sticking up for what they think is right. But sometimes it's, that's carried too far. That's what's dividing our country.

Clerk Patty Perry: I agree.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Clerk Patty Perry: Would you like me to schedule a meeting?

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'd be glad to attend another meeting if you wanted to do that.

Clerk Patty Perry: We haven't currently scheduled that Election Board meeting. However, I can talk to Andrew and Grant and see if they'd schedule one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: See if they would come to one (1).

Clerk Patty Perry: And then we can personally invite the Democratic Chair, Lori.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes.

Clerk Patty Perry: Gary.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, and I'd...

Clerk Patty Perry: I don't know why...

Krystal Powless: I think that's a good idea.

Clerk Patty Perry: I think it is too. I don't know why he's sending...

Councilman Greg Richmond: They've just got to realize, we can't, we can't continue to do this. It's not your fault, certainly not. We just need to do something about it. So, yeah, please do. Call some dates out for different people then call me. Let me know. My calendar is so full, it's unbelievable.

Clerk Patty Perry: Is there any specific day that works better for you?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Usually Fridays are my only ones that I'm clear. Looks like Fridays are my best days. They may not want to meet on a Friday. That's the only day where I've got open spaces on my calendar.

Clerk Patty Perry: Okay.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Thank you, (inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'll probably ask another Council member to go along with me.

Clerk Patty Perry: I think you ought to bring Mr. Whetstone.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, I wish all the Council could show up.

Clerk Patty Perry: I do too.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't know, I don't see, with a public meeting that's advertised why...

Krystal Powless: No, you can attend.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, Cliff says no. Three (3) is what...

Krystal Powless: For a public meeting of someone else, he said no?

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's what I...

Councilman David Hachmeister: He did say no, but I, and I still, going back before...

Krystal Powless: I don't think that's...

Councilman David Hachmeister: AIC told us as long as we don't make any decisions, we can be there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. And we would not be able to make decisions there.

Krystal Powless: No.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Just present.

Councilman David Hachmeister: And it's just a special forum for fact finding.

Clerk Patty Perry: So, when I shoot some dates out, I'll just send it to all the County Council and wait for them to respond?

Councilman Greg Richmond: All the Councilmen, yeah. I've gotten on so many boards. So, that's all, I guess, unless you have anything else.

Clerk Patty Perry: No, Sir.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Alright. Thank you for trying.

Councilman Rick Reid: Good luck.

Clerk Patty Perry: Thank you very much. Maybe Grant and Andrew will just write us a check.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Clerk Patty Perry: Thank you all.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Appreciate it.

AUDITOR

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next up is Auditor. Page two (2).

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Good morning.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good morning.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Debbie Stevens, Warrick County Auditor.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Fifteen (15), let me get my pages marked here.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: There's only one (1) change in the General Fund. Shifting some funds, well actually, that was '22, transfers. So, everything else is the same.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, yeah, that's what I thought.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: We went with the same amounts other than personnel.

COMPUTER

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page fifteen (15). Your Contractual Services in the Data Processing is down.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Okay, Computer budget, so we'll move on to Fund 1000, location is one-o-six (106). And this is a shared budget with the Treasurer and the Assessor. And this is for all of our tax systems that interact and, along with our licensing, maintenance agreements.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Could that be down because we bought the software?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: The software, we made our final payment in 2022.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, maybe that's why it's down.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yes, it is.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: And that was divided out. We made a large upfront payment on that software conversion. And the last payment was this year in 2022. The rest, the remaining balance was divided over five (5) years. So, this is our last year.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. And then one (1) line below that, it says five hundred (\$500.00) and it was five thousand (\$5,000.00) before. Should that be five thousand (\$5,000.00)? Is there a zero (0) left out of that? That's Contractual Service License. Is five hundred (\$500.00) enough?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: I'm checking with you, Mr. Richmond.

Councilman Greg Richmond: This is on Page fifteen (15). Of our budget, it's again, Data Processing, and it's one (1), two (2), three (3), fourth (4th) line down, Contractual Services, License Fee.

Krystal Powless: Yes, it should be five thousand (\$5,000.00).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, thank you.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Mine says five thousand (\$5,000.00). So, I'm not, I'm not seeing what you were seeing.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes, she puts so many numbers in, I can understand why. And I thought, well, yeah, that's got to be the same, so.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, and let's see.

PLAT BOOK

Councilman Greg Richmond: On forty-three (43), I think that was all the same.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: (Fund) 1181 is the next one (1) in order.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page forty-three (43). Krystal, I appreciate the page numbers. Forty-three (43) and that's Plat Book.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Plat Book, yes. And this fund, the cash has grown significantly since around 2018, 2017, where we implemented a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per parcel, which is what the Resolution from the Council has, had

said all along. So, when we went back and reviewed the Resolution, we made that change. We didn't have to come to the Council to have some type of a fee change. We just made that internally in our office per IC Code and per the Council's Resolution. So, it's a fund that we're, we have a meaningful cash balance. We're able to pay Part-Time out of it to manage the data in the Plat Book Fund. And with the exception of a project this year, that hopefully we'll get it done before the years over, all of the transfer records, the Plat records and the Township records will be electronically stored. So, they are forever preserved for Warrick County. And no longer do we have to depend on hardcopy books. And we had a large part of that project done before COVID hit. So, that was wonderful. And a lot of the title searchers, abstractors, completely changed the way they did business in Warrick County for their searches. It really, they transitioned. It was already there. They were able to transition over to transfer, electronic transfer records via the web. And, so, we, we just don't see many abstractors in our office anymore.

Councilman Rick Reid: That's nice.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Yeah, I missed them, but it is nice for them. Because certainly, they have the issues that everyone else has with gas, travel, all of those expenses.

Councilman Rick Reid: Debbie, that third line that says in-employment, is that unemployment?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Mine says unemployment so, yes.

Councilman Rick Reid: Okay, it's just a typo.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: But, this is Part-Time, so, we don't have some of the costs that come with a Full-Time employee in this particular fund.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Data Storage was down fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00).

Auditor Debbie Stevens: We've budgeted a little high every year, because our storage does go up with each project where we get more electronic files into the system. The storage costs does go up a little bit each year, not drastically.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is it Cloud or in our own?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: It's actually, yes, it's Cloud. We, the records are accessible through a web-based application with the vendor. And so, our searchers, we can, anyone can in Warrick County, go via the web to the SBS Portal who is our vendor and search records electronically. All of the transfer records. And then of course since 2000, I'm thinking around 2002, our tax system has all those records available.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, I think the Cloud and all this storage is great and wonderful for convenience. I have concerns that one (1) day the crazy man over in North Korea will let go of one (1) of those electromagnetic surges. Everything is gone. It's gone.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: And it would be the same for our local backups. And I mean if it happens to that degree, I think it's going to affect all the way down to local. So, I definitely share those concerns. But, I think it's beyond all of what we can do.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, it is at that point.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: The last amount that we are requesting for twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) or for 2023 is the twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for that last project. We base that on a quote from last year. So, if anything changes with a quote that goes beyond this amount, we can let you know before the end of the year. If we're not able to cover it on this year's budget.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's the data, Data Storage line?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Pardon me?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is that Data Storage line you're talking about now?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: No, it's the Plat Book expense line. And that's where we do, that's the line that we've used, contractual line that we use for our projects.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, yeah. There's nothing in there, yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: But, that hopefully will come out of this year's budget.

ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING FUND

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, and on the next one (1), the Training. I don't see any biggies in there.

Krystal Powless: No.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Training?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. Elected Official Training that was the only one (1) that went up a little bit and it just went up a little bit and maybe because of gas. I don't know.

Krystal Powless: She, hers stayed the same, the Auditor's line, right?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: We budgeted twenty-six-sixty (\$2,660.00) last year and we're asking for the same for next year.

Councilman Greg Richmond: This is in the Elected Officials Training.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Elected Officials, yes, I'm sorry, Fund 1217. And I believe the Assessor will cover off on Reassessment 1224. And that's for the employee who does all the GIS Mapping. So, that's it for us.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You have anything for us questions we need to know?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Any questions? Hm?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Any questions, anybody? That's it then. Thank you.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: All right, thank you.

TREASURER

Councilman Greg Richmond: Treasurer's next, page three (3). Just one (1) page.

Treasurer Judy Beem: Just one (1) page. Good morning, Judy Beem, Treasurer. Before I go through the rest of this, I wanted to know that there was an error on line four (4), which was the Part-Time line. That should be thirty thousand (\$30,000.00). I spoke with Krystal yesterday and she has changed her record and so it should be....

Councilman Greg Richmond: From the thirty-five-six-forty-eight (\$35,648.00), should be thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) even?

Treasurer Judy Beem: Yes. Other than that, the amounts are as indicated. Some of the amounts....

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's on the Part-Time...

Treasurer Judy Beem: Yes, that was the Part-Time line. It should just be thirty (\$30,000.00). The other line items just reflect increases that have been given to us by the vendors for maintenance equipment. Also for the property tax billing. Of course, a lot of that is mainly...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Contractual?

Treasurer Judy Beem: Yes, yes. So, this is what they are anticipating just for material costs. They didn't increase their labor, but their material costs. Other than that, it's a pretty simple budget. Any questions? Trying to hold at the same as much as possible.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anybody have any questions?

Councilman Rick Reid: Looks good.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. I think we're okay.

Treasurer Judy Beem: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you. Recorder, we're a little early.

SURVEYOR

Councilman Greg Richmond: Surveyor's here.

Councilman Rick Reid: You want to do Surveyor?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, we'll jump to Surveyors. You want us to jump to your budget?

Surveyor Phil Baxter: Sorry?

Councilman Greg Richmond: You want us to jump to your budget?

Councilman Phil Baxter: Why not?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yep.

Krystal Powless: You're way early, but, yeah, it'll work.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Jason was here a little while ago.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, he was sitting in here, but then he walked out.

Surveyor Phil Baxter: He had a question.

Krystal Powless: Oh, okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Alright, this is on page six (6). And looking at your budget, it looks pretty much all the same.

Surveyor Phil Baxter: The only changes we've made, are asking for more money in fuel.

Councilman Greg Richmond: In what?

Surveyor Phil Baxter: Fuel.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Fuel.

Surveyor Phil Baxter: And Mechanical Services as far as service on things of that nature.

Councilman Rick Reid: Can't (inaudible) fuel going up.

Surveyor Phil Baxter: Yeah. Asking for five percent (5%) across the board, raises.

CORNER PERPETUATION

Surveyor Phil Baxter: Corner Perpetuation, we're asking for money there for Contractual Services.

Krystal Powless: That's page forty-seven (47).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, your Contractual Services went up to seventy-five (\$75,000.00). And is there money in Section Corner for that?

Krystal Powless: Probably not. I haven't ran the numbers yet thought, you know. So, we always put what it will allow, basically. So, wait, I'm sorry. Section Corner, yes.

Councilman David Hachmeister: I say, Section Corner should have it.

Councilman Rick Reid: Should have plenty.

Krystal Powless: Yes. There should be. I was thinking Cum Drain. There should be enough to cover that. Yes.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

CUMULATIVE DRAIN

Councilman Greg Richmond: Now, we'll go to Cum Drain. And that's where your fuel charges are up?

Surveyor Phil Baxter: Yep.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Tires and Tubes up a little bit. And up a whole bunch is the Contract Services. Now, that the one (1) you have to run figures for.

Krystal Powless: That's the one (1) we put in what it will allow. It'll probably will not hold the one-fifty (\$150,000.00).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Surveyor Phil Baxter: Normally what we ask every year, then we have to cut back later in the year (inaudible).

Councilman Greg Richmond: In '21, you expended one-fifty-seven (\$157,000.00). But, the rest of the years, been fifty (\$50,000.00), forty-two (\$42,000.00). '19 was eighty-five (\$85,000.00).

Krystal Powless: I'll let you know when you come back for session how much cash is there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Everything else is pretty close. Anybody have any other questions for the Surveyor? Nothing more from you for us, is there?

Surveyor Phil Baxter: No, Sir.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Jason, did you have a question for us?

Chief Deputy Surveyor Jason Baxter: No.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. We're good.

Surveyor Phil Baxter: Thank you, all. Have a great day.

Councilman Rick Reid: You too.

Surveyor Phil Baxter: Thank you.

RECORDER

Councilman Greg Richmond: And Recorder. Which is on page four (4).

Krystal Powless: You said, Recorder, yeah. I knew you didn't hear him. We're running early.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: It won't last. Trust me.

Councilman Ron Bacon: If you would have been here ten (10) minutes ago, you'd be gone.

Recorder Pat Brooks: Ahead of schedule. Good morning.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good morning. We have donuts, everybody. I need to go put them on that other table.

Recorder Pat Brooks: This is for a short person. Okay, I think you can hear me.

Krystal Powless: Greg, I'll get them.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Recorder Pat Brooks: Pat Brooks, Warrick County Recorder. My budget is basically very simple, hasn't changed. No big increases. The only thing I ask for is for salary increases of five percent (5%). I looked into last year, we put into County General last year two hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$222,000.00) (inaudible) salary. We already paid out. So, actually, we saved you money last year. Because of the amount we put in. You know, we, the big projects we've been doing, the scan projects, the more I get done in the back indexing, the more the Laredo accounts that I can sell. So, actually, year to date in County General, we've already put in a hundred and ... well... almost a hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) thus far this year. And summer months are usually bigger than some of the winter months. And last year, we funded County General, last year, two hundred forty thousand (\$240,000.00). And we funded the Surveyor's Office their Corner Post Fund. We funded that was seventy-six thousand dollars (\$76,000.00). So, we earn our keep. I heard on the radio this morning inflation rate is now, for the year, nine point one percent (9.1%).

Councilman Rick Reid: That's incredible. It is.

Recorder Pat Brooks: And it's going up. It's the worst in forty (40) years. So, what I'm saying is,

Unknown: (Inaudible) the economy's great.

Councilman Rick Reid: Let's go Biden.

Recorder Pat Brooks: Oh, I know. We won't go into that. And I do know that you all paid for a very good study about wages and the only thing I'm saying is we need to keep up with prevailing wages and five percent (5%) is far below what the inflation is or going to be. So, I think five percent (5%) is a reasonable amount for my office. You know, we do the legals for the back indexing. The more I get done, the more accounts I can sell, or the more people will be interested in buying it. And as you know, I pay for all my Part-Timers and one (1) full-time Deputy in addition to what we put in because our, our sales are up on our Laredo accounts. We have almost as much as Vanderburgh County. So, we've done a good job of selling Laredo, which is the search. And then on Tapestry, that's the individual accounts. Now, believe it or not people from California and Florida subscribe go on that account and we're making about two thousand (\$2,000.00) a month on that account. And that's all due to having our information online and selling, and selling it to subscriptions or one (1) time uses. So, we're making good use of what we've done. And I certainly would like to see the employees get the five percent (5%) raise which will not totally keep up, but it will keep us in the right market. So, that's what I have. And the other side of it, Postage, I think I increased a little bit. I just swapped out, so that the only real increases that I need are for the salaries. If you have any questions, let's see, I had some notes here. Yeah, that I do pay for the one (1) full time Deputy. So, that comes out of my salary and that was thirty-eight-seven-ninety-seven (\$38,797.00) on my actual total wages. So, if you look what I put in the County General and the Surveyor's Office from our collections, and we do this with fifty-five dollar (\$55.00) recorded mortgages, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for deeds, we're doing a lot. Some days we'll do seventy (70) a day. Some days we could do a hundred (100). Some days we're doing copies. And a lot is online now, which are e-recordings, which I started back in 2012. We were second in the State to do e-recordings. I'm making money off of that. So, we are making money. So, I'd like to see my employees get the five (5%) raise. The other, which technically I could turn in December, but I turned it in and that's all my Perpetuation. And that's all for, I pay all my contracts and all that out of Perpetuation. And I think I've been very frugal on that. But, I have the Resolution and Ordinance.

Krystal Powless: Yes. They're going to see that at the August meeting.

Recorder Pat Brooks: At the August meeting. Okay, then I won't go into it. And that takes care of my contracts, my equipment. I pay for all that. So, I feel we're a very efficient office and I use it to our full advantage. That's all I have.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thank you.

Recorder Pat Brooks: Any questions?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Nope.

Recorder Pat Brooks: Okay. Well, thank you for your time even though I didn't get a donut.

Councilman Rick Reid: They're over there.

Krystal Powless: They're right here.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Recorder Pat Brooks: Oh, okay. Thank you, Krystal. I see. I thought they were hidden. Okay, thank you very much for your time and do remember, inflation is up and we don't want to pay for another work study in three (3) or four (4) years. If we can manage to keep up with what we're doing. That's all. Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

ASSESSOR

Councilman Greg Richmond: Let's see, page eight (8).

Recorder Pat Brooks: Who brought the donuts?

Krystal Powless: I think Greg.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I did.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Are you guys running that far ahead.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, we are.

Krystal Powless: So far.

Several speaking at once.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Pioneer Bakery's on vacation. I had to go clear down to Donut Bank to get them.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Well, my timing is amazing.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page eight (8), fifty-three (53) and twenty-eight (28). Let's me get my pages ready.

Councilman Rick Reid: Krystal, do you need to call some of these other people to tell them we're early?

Krystal Powless: I'm sorry?

Councilman Rick Reid: Should you call some of those other people and tell them we're early?

Krystal Powless: Well, I don't know. We're going to start calling already?

Assessor Sarah Redman: Yeah, cause I'm going to be really fast.

Krystal Powless: I mean, we're going to have to wait on, we can't call Economic Development. We might as well go then take a break until he gets here.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, I'm ready. Identify yourself.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Yes, Sarah Redman, Warrick County Assessor.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And, as far as the regular Assessor budget, it's all the same except we're not looking at salaries.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Right, the only increase was two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for utilities for CenterPoint.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Assessor Sarah Redman: We figured that would cover the increase and the cost of utilities. Everything else stayed the same.

REASSESSMENT

Councilman Greg Richmond: On page twenty-three (23), no can't be.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Fifty-three (53).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Fifty-three (53). Page fifty-three (53), Reassessment.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Reassessment. Okay, so, the only changes on this, other than salary, would be the reduction in the Contract Services. It's not a lot. Fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) and a reduction, I'm gonna have to type this smaller, or that's Part-Time, and Part-Time help, those two (2). We just haven't really been utilizing them. We do have a recent employment change. We had, we lost Katie Hemmer. She's been here twenty (20) years. She will be sorely missed. So, I do have to make the decision to hire somebody. And I thought about bringing them in part-time for a little bit just to make sure they're a fit and they're going to be able to handle the workload.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That was the Part-Time line?

Assessor Sarah Redman: Yes. Even bringing somebody in part-time wouldn't be that long. So, I'm sure that I wouldn't need as much as I had before.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I didn't flag any that just had a little bit of a money increase. And all these are pretty much the same. A little increase here and there.

Assessor Sarah Redman: My utilities was my only increase besides payroll.

SALES DISCLOSURE

Assessor Sarah Redman: And the same with the Sales Disclosure Fund. I just kept it the same.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And there's really nothing on the Sales Disclosure. That is twenty-eight (28). That's the same as before.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anybody have any questions?

Councilman Rick Reid: That might be dropping off soon, Sales Disclosure, with the rates going sky high. It'll kill the market.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Well, I hope. I hope the market slows down. Cause the thought of raising people even more and more next year. It's a lot.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It's gonna slow down. Interest rates are up. (Inaudible) keep up with.

Councilman Rick Reid: And they're going to bump it again this month.

Assessor Sarah Redman: We do have a lot of appeals this year. Almost four hundred fifty (450).

Councilman Rick Reid: That's a lot.

Assessor Sarah Redman: It is a lot for Warrick County, but I talked to a tax rep yesterday and he's dealing with counties up north that have three hundred (300) or three thousand (3,000) plus appeals.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Assessor Sarah Redman: So, we're not alone.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It's all because of market value.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Yes. And then, obviously, the payroll's increased. I did a five percent (5%). I am sure that Pat just talked to you about inflation. I caught the end of that. But, you know, I just lost an employee due to the fact that the pay is just not competitive enough.

Councilman Rick Reid: That happens.

Assessor Sarah Redman: She was here twenty (20) years. It is, it does hurt. It's hard to train somebody.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I just heard Vanderburgh County's trying to get, this is not your department, Dispatchers for their Emergency Dispatch Service. Twenty-two-fifty (\$22.50) is what they're paying.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Man.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Assessor Sarah Redman: It's a stressful job.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It is a stressful job. But, we're not paying twenty-two-fifty (\$22.50).

Assessor Sarah Redman: No.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I listen to them all the time and I tell you they keep calm. They're good people. I'd be panicking.

Assessor Sarah Redman: It takes a special person.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It does.

Councilman Rick Reid: It does.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Because they give instructions. It's just amazing.

Assessor Sarah Redman: I would panic.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes, me too. Anybody have any other questions? We're good.

Councilman Rick Reid: You're doing a good job.

Assessor Sarah Redman: Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Assessor Sarah Redman: All right. Good luck today. Make your day go faster.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

(Short Break from 8:41 AM to 8:43 AM)

Krystal Powless: Okay, so one (1) thing. If you go back to page eight (8), just want to make sure we're all on the same page. It's not a huge deal. So, on page eight (8), under Utilities, her request was actually forty-two hundred dollars (\$4,200.00).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: And then the other thing I was going to tell you. We're paying ours twenty-one-fifteen (\$21.15 for Dispatchers).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Good. I'm glad.

Councilman David Hachmeister: And forty (40) days paid vacation or days off.

Krystal Powless: Well, if they've been here for a long time.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, even...

Krystal Powless: Oh, you're talking about holidays.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Yeah, everything. Days off paid. I said vacation.

Krystal Powless: We can get Veteran's Affairs up here, but again, we have to wait for Steve. How would you like to do it?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Go ahead and get Veteran's Affairs and Extension Service if they can come up early.

Krystal Powless: Okay. Then we'll break after.

(Short Break from 8:42 AM to 8:50 AM)

EXTENSION OFFICE

Krystal Powless: Okay, she's on page ten (10).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Would you identify yourself, please?

Carla Kidwell: Yes, Carla Kidwell, Purdue Extension, Warrick County.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Looking at your budget...

Carla Kidwell: Yeah, and it's the same as was approved last year. Yep.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Your General Supplies is up just a little bit. Not much. That's the only thing.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah. There's also a fair schedule in the black folder since we're before fair this year actually on the Budget Hearings.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I remember somebody was charging ten dollars (\$10.00) to get in their fair.

Carla Kidwell: Oh.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Vanderburgh is, isn't it?

Carla Kidwell: They usually charge...

Councilman David Hachmeister: See, that includes any event.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah. Between five (\$5.00) and ten (\$10.00). They usually charge quite a bit over there. Yep.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And I read your letters that you gave us.

Carla Kidwell: Okay, for Personnel?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yes.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's going to go before the Personnel Committee.

Carla Kidwell: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, I didn't have any questions on your budget. We'll do salaries later on.

Carla Kidwell: Yeah. Okay, thank you, guys.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Carla Kidwell: Have a good day.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You too.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Carla, did you get, I left a message with Stacey about the Superior Ag stall cards.

Carla Kidwell: No, I didn't get that.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Matter of fact, I've got them in my truck.

Carla Kidwell: Okay. Excellent.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Councilman Greg Richmond: We're ready, Veteran's. Identify yourself for the record, please.

Jed Gamble: Jed Gamble, Veteran Service Officer for Warrick County, Indiana. Good morning, Mr. Richmond.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good morning.

Jed Gamble: Council.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Your General Supplies were up a little bit. But then, there were a couple of things that were down. That would account for that difference. Everything else looks good. We'll decide salaries as we decide what we can afford.

Jed Gamble: Yes, absolutely, yes, Sir.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anybody have any questions on this one (1)? I have one (1) quick question, personally. Have you heard anything about the plaques? Dad hasn't got his yet.

Jed Gamble: They're just really far behind from the one (1) foundry that does them in the U.S.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Someone else asked me about it the other day. I told them...

Jed Gamble: And what is wild is that some have come really quickly and others have not. It kind of depends on which size it was, seems to be dictating that. With, when they went through COVID and everything and then they had an increased amount of deaths and then they were low on manpower and weren't making them. And they're still getting caught up. We've still got them trickling in from back then. I talked to, out there at Jamison Monuments where most of them, you know, get sent to. So, him and his team can put them on and they just kind of come in waves. They'll get a shipment of them, you know, and may go a long period of time and then they get some more. So, kind of just, kind of just depends.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, that's what I told this other person that was asking me that same question.

Jed Gamble: Yeah. And there's nobody really to talk to about it as far as, you know, hey, where does this stand? Where is it? They just can tell you, hey, we have your paperwork. So, and I know they got that because of the confirmation number. But, hopefully, it comes, comes soon. But they're, they're still trickling in from 2020. So, it's just a really, really, they, they've never been quick. But, they certainly are not quick right now. So, hopefully, that speeds up. And he gets his, your dad gets his plaque soon.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, appreciate it.

Jed Gamble: Yes, sir.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thanks for your...

Jed Gamble: Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Jed Gamble: Thank you. You all have a good day.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You too.

(Break from 8:54 AM to 9:28 AM)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Greg Richmond: We're ready. Economic Development.

Steve Roelle: Oh, you're ready for me.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Steve Roelle: Alright. Here I come.

Councilman Ron Bacon: You're late.

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible) now.

Steve Roelle: Here we go. Steve Roelle. Good morning. Economic Development. I do not have a lot for you guys today which is, should hopefully put a smile on your face. Cause I know it's a long day. I gave a summary sheet along with my budget which I do every year. It really just shows you that I'm asking for three percent (3%) salary increase for all full-time staff. No other increases in the line items over last year's budget. Few things have been removed from our budget, just to remind you guys, because of Public Safety LIT. So, all the EMS and some of the other things that used to be in our budget has been removed. We have one (1) account, photos, which is Pictometry through the Assessor's Office. We pay twenty-five percent (25%) of that. That number does go up and down every year. I think this year it's gone down a few hundred dollars. I just put in there what the contract says. And the only other thing is that I do have two (2) Personnel items on the list for Personnel Committee. They're obviously in my budget, if they be approved by the Personnel Committee. One (1) is a reclassification of a position, which I think is misclassified, and the other is to go from a Part-Time to a Full-Time position. And that's really all I have if you have any questions. I can certainly elaborate on those two (2) positions and why I feel strongly about them. But, other than that, no changes from my previous budget. And I can keep on 1112 or we can talk 4906 as well, which, again, no changes from previous budget.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Which one (1) is the Administrative Assistant that you're talking about?

Steve Roelle: So, in my office, that's Holly that has that current position. And basically, just to give you the very, very quick version of it, Holly is our Department Administrator. She's not an assistant to anyone. She's not a clerk. She's not a second deputy or anything else. She's the Department Administrator. And to let you know, that the position was classified at the lowest level of COMOT equivalent to the Gate Keeper position at Scales Lake. Not, Audrey's position as the Administrator at Scales Lake, but the Gate Keeper that, nothing against the Gate Keeper, they answer the phone. They take the car fees. Holly is dealing with tax abatement, TIF, you know, our bonds for our County. And you know, I used an example in my letter that last year, or last month, when you add all the County funds up in the funds that Tammy sends out every month, I think the whole County balance was fifty-one million dollars (\$51,000,000.00). The ones that fall within the Economic Development through Redevelopment Commission, through our bonds, through TIF, all that adds up to about twenty-one million (\$21,000,000.00) of that fifty-four (\$54,000,000.00). So, it's just a very specialized position that I think was misclassified. And if I did that through the job study and writing up the job description, I, I think you'll find Administrator positions in higher COMOT levels. You

find it in professional PAT. You find it in EXE, you know? I know Administrators, like Krystal's called, Roger's called, we're a small department that has a lot of responsibility. Three (3) people. And Holly's the Administrator. She does all the compliance, all the reporting, all the paperwork and all that stuff. So, I just feel strongly that that position should be really looked at. It's only a couple thousand dollars extra a year to move up two (2) levels in COMOT or whatever that is. But, if that person for whatever, we're rehiring, to put us in a competitive position, to hire for someone that has a little more schooling and a little more ability to handle those complex issues and deal with those responsibilities. So, that's why I feel that it was classified due to the responsibilities that that job has.

Krystal Powless: And we have sent that off to WIS to be re...

Steve Roelle: Yeah, and I've redone, I've done the reclassification paperwork and all the stuff that needs to be done and I've submitted that through Krystal. I've given my explanation. And the only other one (1) that I have is to take the part-time position at the Event Center and make it a full-time position. We have the funds for that. The Event Center is on pace to do about three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) in revenue this year. And I've always been a proponent of the most effective minimal dose from staffing, from spending money or anything else. Do the most effective minimal amount you can. And that's why we started with one (1) person and a Part-Time person. Cause we didn't know. We were in COVID. The building was just getting open. Now, we've got two (2) years under our belt. There's not a single weekend available in 2023. Weekdays are booking up. Revenue is basically double then doubled again. And it's not slowing down. And I just want to tell this group, going to three (3) staff members on a building that's open seven (7) days a week, often from 7:00 in the morning where there's meetings at the Event Center. The Sheriff does training, all the stuff that happens out there to weddings and stuff that go 'til 1:00 in the morning, seven (7) days a week. Even three (3) people's not a ton. But, we're at two and a half (2 ½) right now. And my only other way to solve that problem is to go to the Parks Board and say we're going to go dark two (2) days a week. Which would remove revenue or something like that. Cause we have to have people in that building. We spent a lot of money on that building. We've kept it really nice. If you go in there today, it looks fantastic after several years of being open. We take a lot of pride in it. So, it's just taking that part-time, putting the part-time eighteen thousand (\$18,000.00) that we have in that part-time into this new position. So, we're half way there with at least the salary of it. We have the money and the building's generating the money to take care of it. So, those are my two (2) Personnel requests. I think they're both extremely important for different reasons so that we can continue to be successful and continue to do better. And that's all I got.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I have a question.

Steve Roelle: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Where is your other assistant that works with Holly?

Steve Roelle: So, the, that person in that position is Logan. He's in charge of basically business retention/expansion and so that's tax phase in's, expansions, starting a new BRNE Program. So, that person, where...

Councilman Greg Richmond: What budget does he come out of?

Krystal Powless: This one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: This one (1)?

Krystal Powless: This one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't see it on here.

Steve Roelle: Yeah, it's called...

Krystal Powless: Analystist.

Steve Roelle: Greg, it's called Analystist, was the name of that position.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's Logan, okay.

Steve Roelle: And that's kind of, if you're going to say somebody that's like the assistant, you know, Economic Development Director, that's kind of, you know, my goal's to put as much of my responsibility on that position and have that person capable of doing a lot of the similar things in our department.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. That's all I have, Redevelopment was about the same.

Steve Roelle: Redevelopment, yeah, same request. One (1), there was one (1) line item I just want to remove that we don't use anymore. But...

Krystal Powless: Well, that was surprising. I even said earlier, don't worry, we'll all get back on schedule cause Steve will talk for a long time.

Steve Roelle: Oh, come on. I do like, it's okay. I've got a lot I want to tell everyone. I want everyone to be informed.

Councilman Rick Reid: What's going on with the Solar Farm? Is that still going?

Steve Roelle: So, basically, you know, that project is still moving forward as far as I know. It's in, they had a preliminary site review meeting with Area Planning. Now, it's more in the phase, you know, we kind of came to County Council about tax abatement and stuff like that. But, now, it moves to, like any project that wants to move forward within the County, they've got to go to Area Planning. They've got to have, they have to meet the Solar Ordinance. They've got to have a drainage plan. They've got to have all these approvals. They go on just like if you were building a subdivision or another facility and that's in the hands of a bunch of others, BZA, Area Planning, and the County Solar Ordinance. And they'll either check the boxes or they won't in order to get going.

Councilman Rick Reid: I was just curious what was going on.

Steve Roelle: As far as I know, they met with Molly and her team just for preliminary site meeting maybe four (4) weeks ago.

Councilman Greg Richmond: How many acres is that?

Steve Roelle: You're putting me on the spot. I don't have that folder. But, I want to say it's, let's round it into about fourteen hundred (1,400).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Cause I get asked all the time.

Steve Roelle: A bunch, and I have, I have their latest map and all that I can give you the exact details. You can see, with the road, a bunch of that's buffer space that they buffer from roads and other development or house or something else. So, they create a large buffer around the facility. So, a big chunk of that is. And any buffer that they have, they even work out that it can still be farmed and all those things while it's buffer space. So, they, my understanding of these projects, is they, they try to secure more than they need in order to get their project done. And then, the footprint will often shrink. But, I have, you know, I, EDAC or RDC, I can just give you a printout of, of that map as well. I have all that stuff as far as the latest one (1) I've seen.

Councilman David Hachmeister: While we're talking about the solar though, have you been contacted about the one (1) out north of town?

Steve Roelle: So, about another project here in Warrick County?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Solar, yeah.

Steve Roelle: I have not, Dave, except for the fact that there have been a few people putting feelers, what I would call feelers, out. There was a company, Orion, that called that just wanted some basic information about Warrick County in general. Never heard anything back from them. So, I'm, where, do you mind sharing?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is this on reclaimed land?

Steve Roelle: How far north and about where?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Maybe I shouldn't say too much.

Steve Roelle: Okay, that's fine.

Councilman David Hachmeister: But, north of the roundabout.

Steve Roelle: Okay.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Off Eskew.

Steve Roelle: Okay. You know, there are, there are multiple projects going like in Gibson and there's people looking in Posey. So, people are looking here in the area. I don't know of anyone else really, that I would call more than just making a phone call, come through our office. Anything else? Happy to tell jokes, answer questions?

Councilman Ron Bacon: No, we're good.

Steve Roelle: Alright, I know you guys have a big day.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Thanks.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thanks. Doing a great job.

Steve Roelle: Thanks, guys. Have a good one (1).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Krystal Powless: So, I brought Aaron up and then that will allow us to leave for lunch earlier. Page thirty-four (34).

Councilman Ron Bacon: There's nothing on here.

Krystal Powless: Well, the page before that.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Just one (1) line.

Krystal Powless: Carried it over to the second page.

Aaron Franz: I did not bring any of my paperwork. So, she went and found me.

Krystal Powless: Cause I went out in the hall and he was out there and I said come in now. You know I'll help you, Aaron.

Aaron Franz: Yeah. That seems to be your MO today, helping me out.

Several speaking at once.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The, the line item that says Assistant Animal Control Officer, seventy-four thousand one hundred eighty-nine (\$74,189.00). Is that for two (2) people?

Aaron Franz: Yes, Sir.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And I went through and looked at the ups and downs in the budget. The Gas and Oil, I guess because the price of gas going up.

Aaron Franz: Yes. As of yet, we have not made any adjustments. We're just using money that we already have. So, we have not purchased, or haven't had any increase for us. But, I'm sure we will.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, the contract's (inaudible).

Aaron Franz: I'm mean we're having an increase in our fuel. We just haven't had to ask for any additional appropriations yet and hope to not have to.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You created a new one (1) here called First Aid and Clinic Supplies, six hundred eighteen dollars (\$618.00).

Krystal Powless: I think it was created last budget session.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Aaron Franz: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Cause you transferred into that line item, six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Aaron Franz: Yeah, we created several new line items.

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And then, let's see. That is, Other Services, the adopted budget was a hundred and fifty (\$150.00). You transferred fifty-nine hundred (\$5,900.00) into it. And you're asking for forty-six eighty-seven (\$4,687.00).

Krystal Powless: What...?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Other Services.

Krystal Powless: Other Services?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Two-thirds (2/3) down. 30200. In the past, it had been zero (0). Then it was a hundred and fifty (\$150.00) adopted last year. You transferred fifty-nine hundred (\$5,900.00) in.

Krystal Powless: And they probably transferred it from VaxCare.

Aaron Franz: VaxCare, the Animal Control line item is just to help with some of the other, when we created these new line items, some we were kind of as we, trying to learn where we were going to need some of these things. So, if we had, sometimes some of our payments for, trying to think, so, like freight and express, we have that. That's not always specific. Sometimes when we have to do some testing for Animal Control, we have to pay it. And it doesn't necessarily fall under freight or express even though it is another type of expense.

Krystal Powless: They've spent three thousand two-hundred twenty (\$3,220.00) out of that line item as of 06-01-(22). So, that's probably why you see the higher request there. But, they've also done it by Transfers, so.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Well, in the case of trying to keep the budget line items the same, which we try to do as much as possible, you could continue to transfer I assume. There's no law against that.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And in Communications, that was up a bunch. You had transferred into that. You encumbered a hundred and eighty-eight (\$188.00), then you transferred twelve-hundred twenty (\$1,220.00) into that. Last

years adopted budget was eight hundred forty-nine (\$849.00). This year you're requesting two thousand three hundred twenty-five (\$2,325.00).

Aaron Franz: Some of those are just percentage requests. Some of them are just a little bit extra. I mean we haven't gone up in, I mean, some of our communications, like our basic cell phones for the people that have them, are really the same. Other than some of these costs that are, you know, going up with everything else that are going up. We're trying to foresee if we can where some of that's at or going to be. Obviously, we don't know where it's going to be.

Councilman Greg Richmond: What is AC Health Testing? There wasn't anything...

Krystal Powless: Animal Control Health Testing.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Is that one (1) ...

Aaron Franz: So, we, yeah, there has been...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Two-fifty (\$250.00) to five thousand (\$5,000.00).

Aaron Franz: There's been an uptick in rabies stuff, so we've got to be able to pay for some of those testing for our own staff that we haven't done in the past. But, there has been an uptick in bites and not quite sure where the correlation is with everything else going on in the world. But, that's something that is, we've had a little, some stranger things happen this year, so we just want to prepare for that as well. We have given or in the process of giving rabies vaccinations this year. Two (2) people.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The only other one (1) that I see is the Vehicle Repair and Maintenance was up a bunch. You have quite a few vehicles and some of them are new, fairly new, so why is that up?

Aaron Franz: Most of our vehicles are, I have a 2007. I have a 2015. I have a 2017. Two (2), 2017's. Said 2015. So, I mean, I have one (1) that's newer that's like 2020. But that's the newest one (1) we have. The others are not. The others have some age on them. And they're used daily, driven to all these different sites. I mean, I think most vehicles anymore, once you've gotten, you know, about five (5) years on them, maintenance is part of the issue. Tires, tires have gone up. Had to do that a couple times this year.

Councilman Rick Reid: There's no personal use on those vehicles is there?

Aaron Franz: All of my vehicles are emergency use vehicles.

Councilman Rick Reid: Which means it's personal too?

Aaron Franz: Well, I mean...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Emergency use does not define, does not exempt people from personal use. That's an IRS law and Indiana State law. No personal use is allowed per those two (2) entities.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, it's basically to drive to and from work and to and from answering a call?

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Emergency doesn't exempt them from policy from personal use. Yes, to and from work is what Commissioner's policy says. That's what IRS law says and Indiana law says. A, a category of emergency vehicle is simply a licensing. The position is what defines if that person is exempt from IRS law and tax. These are all very, these are all different, three (3) different things that are dealt with, with County owned vehicles. Personal use is prohibited.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Unless it was changed by Federal. Used to as far as reporting, that was to and from work, was taxable until you got to the property line or the first place it was to be used for business.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: The take-home policy is a vehicle that is taken home, driven home, it is still prohibited from personal use and as fringe. And that is taxed. Only three (\$3.00) per day is taxed for that employee. It's minimal. It's like thirty-two cents (\$0.32) a day that they're paying to drive a County-owned vehicle back and forth to work every day.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Like I say, used to be, as far as the mileage and then you, well, (inaudible) still got that same thing. Write down, of course got two (2) different ways I can go but you write down when you start and when you stop as far as personal use.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: No one (1) is turning in mileage logs or keeping mileage logs on these vehicles. But, the law and County Policy says personal use prohibited. So, that really is the deciding factor for personal use. It is prohibited. There's no allowance for personal use.

Councilman Rick Reid: That would certainly cut down on the maintenance on those vehicles plus the gas too, if you're not using it for personal.

Aaron Franz: They're not using them for personal. This, again, this, we've had, we've had just some issues, you know, the mileage is the same as it normally is. The usage is the same as it normally is. I know this is a hot button issue that wants to be talked about or placed on Facebook. But, I thought this was about the budget, why there was

an increase in that particular and that's why we have to replace tires periodically. Have to replace certain things. They're older. I mean if we want to have that conversation, I'd be more than happy to come up and have that conversation. But, I wasn't prepared for that. But, I can be.

Councilman Greg Richmond: One (1) other thing, I probably should come to your office and talk to you about, but I'll let you know that main complaint I get, I don't get too many phone calls, but I am getting phone calls about this. On the weekend, it seems like there's no one (1) from your office available for animals.

Aaron Franz: No, we're available 24/7 for animals. So, I don't know...

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'm getting these calls then.

Aaron Franz: I mean, we can talk about it.

Councilman David Hachmeister: I get the same thing, Greg.

Aaron Franz: I mean, I'd like to answer those, cause we do have. Now, I do, it depends on what they're wanting. Now, that's different. Some people are wanting to reclaim an animal at 4:00 in the afternoon on a Saturday and that's not available to them. Cause their animal was picked up for a reason and there are certain times that are set for that. There are people that want to come out and look at dogs that are quarantined and we don't allow that because a lot of reasons. There's multiple reasons. So, there's issues that they're complaining about and because they're upset, most of the things that deal with Animal Control are issues that are related to Ordinance violations. So, when they want to come in there, their timing is a little different. And most of those...

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't think any of my calls have been coming in to see out there. It's like loose animals, loose dogs running around that they haven't been able to get anybody to come out and respond to.

Aaron Franz: Oh, that's, if, if we have the message, if we've talked to somebody, we've gone out, I keep very strict logs on that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You get Central Dispatch calls on that?

Aaron Franz: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Aaron Franz: So, I mean, that's kind of hard for me to, like I said, now catching an at large dog is not as simple as driving out and grabbing one (1). As you, I'm pretty sure you know. I wish it were. But, it's not that simple. They're not always there when we get there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'll have to call while it's fresh on my mind. I'll give you a call.

Aaron Franz: Absolutely. I love, just let me know, and I can work on it then. It's kind of hard to back track on stuff I don't know. But, at the moment, I think a good discourse is always helpful. Helps us get better.

Councilman Greg Richmond: How we doing on COVID?

Aaron Franz: You know, there are some new variants that are out there. The numbers have spiked as far as positives lately.

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible) red. State doesn't do anything anymore.

Aaron Franz: No.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And their maps are ridiculous.

Aaron Franz: Their red is odd. It's an odd way to look at it cause they base their positivity rate off of people tested, not off of population to give you the idea that the population is the basis of it. So, they have a formula that is unlike any formula I've ever seen. But, so when they say we're in the red, we could have, say a fifteen percent (15%) positivity rate, but we could have only had sixty-five (65) people tested. So, fifteen percent (15%) of the sixty-five (65) people that were tested elevates the number to red. However, it's not fifteen percent (15%) of the population that is in the red. But that's how, that's how they've done it. I've argued with them 'til I'm blue in the face and they don't care about that. We still have...

Councilman Ron Bacon: They don't care.

Aaron Franz: I know, I'm meeting with the State Representative in about six (6) minutes. Um, but, we're, we're still, we still have our clinic open to do COVID boosters.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I've got mine.

Aaron Franz: And we have them, you know, we're open on, in the office on Tuesdays and on Fridays for that. We're still going out when necessary to give COVID boosters. So, there, the State is still gung-ho in doing that. So, we're just following suit with what they ask us to do. But it is, it's just a misnomer on those and there's nothing we can do about that. I've tried.

Councilman Greg Richmond: When I get from Meritain, it says Dr. Vox, that's my vaccine.

Aaron Franz: But, so, we haven't gotten any specific instructions as to these new variants. We know that they're aware. We know that people are testing positive quite a bit recently. So, especially over the last couple weeks. We have noticed that since COVID started. This is more primarily a summer issue. Which is different obviously than the traditional flu.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: And they're treating each and every one of them differently.

Aaron Franz: Yes.

Councilman Ron Bacon: That's one (1) of the things I've been trying to work on, figure out why are you treating one (1) this way and you're treating the next one (1) this way and they both have the same thing.

Aaron Franz: Well, the other thing is...

Councilman Ron Bacon: It's a, it's a, you know, one (1) goes in and they get an infusion. The next one (1) you're getting a couple pills.

Aaron Franz: Well, the other thing is our boosters, right.

Councilman Ron Bacon: What is the difference here?

Aaron Franz: Our boosters are still from the first virus.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah. The first.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Not for this new one (1).

Aaron Franz: Not Delta, not Omicron, not the new two (2). They're still the first one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: And Moderna, by the time they get it all approved and everything, they're saying maybe in the middle of fall. Why, there'll be another one (1).

Aaron Franz: And we, and we've always been that way for flu. We're always a year behind the flu. Always.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, yeah.

Aaron Franz: You can't catch up to that. And I mean, I don't know that there is a way to do that. But, we're definitely behind on this as far as what we're vaccinating for and boosting for. So.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I appreciate the information.

LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE

Aaron Franz: Do we have Local Health Maintenance?

Krystal Powless: Yes, and that's page thirty-seven (37).

Councilman Rick Reid: Page thirty-seven (37).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I forgot about that. Thirty-seven (37). I don't have any mark ups or downs on that. It's all the same.

Aaron Franz: Yeah, it's pretty standard.

Councilman Greg Richmond: First Aid Clinic. That's all. Equipment Maintenance went down. Anybody have anything? You've answered all my questions. I appreciate it.

Aaron Franz: Thank you. Please feel free to give me a call, gentlemen. Anytime.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, I will. Thank you.

Councilman Chris Whetstone: Appreciate it.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Thanks for coming in early.

(Short Break from 9:56 AM to 10:00 AM)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND LIT PUBLIC SAFETY EMA

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page twenty-one (21) and thirty-nine (39). I read your notes. We have a situation where, of course there's always more requests than what we have money for, and if we're going to give decent raises this year, we have to watch pretty close as to what we spend. Just keep that in mind. We're...

Jake Greer: Honestly, I did. And that's why I've got a little bit different paperwork than you. Jake Greer, Warrick County.

Krystal Powless: So, you changed it.

Jake Greer: Well, I kind of tweaked it cause it's coming from different sides on a couple projects. So, you got the request for the job classification for Administrative Assistant to go to the Executive Assistant with a different pay structure. I don't know that I need, I won't go through all this. I just changed Deputy Director to classification of Officer, Operations Officer. And the change on that was we figured the pay increase but just to keep it at the present rate that it's in now. And it's listed right now as a Part-Time Deputy Director. We did, you did fund the full-time Deputy Director last year for this year. The Part-Time was funded nineteen thousand three (\$19,300.00) or thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). I'd like to move, instead of the Deputy Director being part-time in EMA, move it to an Operations Officer over to the LIT. And then, went back and requested the, I went back on the Gas, Oil and Lube in EMA and reduced that to, basically a thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) increase. Tires and Tubes, that was a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) increase.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Five hundred (\$500.00) for Other Motor Supplies to three thousand (\$3,000.00), twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.00) to three thousand (\$3,000.00).

Jake Greer: The Gas, Oil, and Lube is the money we pay at the end of the year to the Sheriff's Department for fuel. We did, we did ask for five hundred (\$500.00) on that. And the Other Motor Supplies, we raised by five hundred (\$500.00). Instead of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.00) to three thousand (\$3,000.00).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah. And then Equipment Maintenance from fifteen (\$1,500.00) to sixteen (\$1,600.00). Looks like you transferred out of that 717. Is that right, Krystal?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: This year. You've used twenty-seven hundred (\$2,700.00) as of the first of June. Those were the only changes that I saw. Everything else was minimal if anything.

Jake Greer: Yeah, we had talked, okay, so we had talked about, in our group, about trying to replace that trailer, the mobile command out there. And I'm actually working a couple different angles on that, you probably know. I did apply for the non-priority grant. But, it tops out at a hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). And we can't actually apply for the grant until September, if we get approved to apply for the grant. So, that was suggested to make a line item of Lease Purchase Agreement into the budget. They, we had originally put down the cost of what we had got quotes on for a van type walk-in mobile command. That money is, not asking for any money in that item, just to get that line item put into the budget for future requests down the road. We just need...

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's in the Public Safety budget?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Jake Greer: Correct. We just need, I'd like to get for the office a Lease Purchase Agreement line item in the 2023 LIT budget.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Krystal, you know what line item that is?

Krystal Powless: No. Not off the top of my head.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Looking for it. Equipment Maintenance?

Krystal Powless: No. I mean, I can add the line item. That's not in the...

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, it's not in there?

Krystal Powless: No. Not yet.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, what would your lease payment be next year?

Jake Greer: Don't know yet. Cause until, until, until you know how much...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Depends on the grant? What does a trailer like that cost?

Jake Greer: Well, if we go to a trailer instead of the van type, that's a big difference.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Jake Greer: You can, basically, look at a trailer for around ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) with transferring equipment that we already have out of the current mobile command to a new trailer. It'd probably be around ninety thousand (\$90,000.00) for a twenty-two (22) foot trailer instead of a thirty-two (32) foot trailer.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The twenty (20) foot walk-in van mobile command center, and that's not a trailer?

Jake Greer: It's a van type walk-in.

Councilman Greg Richmond: A bus?

Jake Greer: About like a floating trailer.

Councilman Greg Richmond: One (1) of those buses that you see (inaudible)?

Jake Greer: Or a food truck. But, it's only twenty-two (22) foot.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Oh, okay. Okay.

Jake Greer: That's what they consider chassis over walk-in van.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And what would one (1) of those costs? I heard you say the other one (1).

Jake Greer: Well, the Knox County Director sent me his quote. They just got one (1) last year. They got it out of the Cares Act money. But, his was four hundred forty-five thousand (\$445,000.00).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Wow.

Jake Greer: That was with them supplying a lot of the stuff they already had. Yeah, they're expensive cause the way they're set up.

Councilman Greg Richmond: More expensive than the trailer.

Jake Greer: Yes. The advantage to having that is that you can, you don't have to hook it up to a truck and pull it someplace and hook up a, get a generator and hook it up. The van, you go out, start it and drive it to where it needs to be. So, it probably takes about an hour and a half (1 ½) for the prep time to get moving it. Then the, did I cover the request for classification to go from Administrative Assistant to the Executive Assistant.

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Jake Greer: And she has, Jenny has been (inaudible) reclassification paperwork on that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is that in the....?

Krystal Powless: That's in his regular budget.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Regular budget?

Jake Greer: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. I see it now. The EMA Officers that have been moved to LIT, it's not in this LIT?

Krystal Powless: He is but I haven't made the new line item yet.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, that's what I was wondering. Okay.

Krystal Powless: Well, yes, I have. It's the 11440.

Jake Greer: Yeah, it was already listed in the LIT.

Krystal Powless: Operations Officer.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Oh, there it is. Okay. Thank you.

Beth Williams: (Inaudible) Deputy Director.

Councilman Ron Bacon: On the, in the, there's a big increase in 36405 Equipment Maintenance, EMS.

Krystal Powless: Oh, yeah, we've got to talk about that later.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Oh, okay. We're going to talk about that later.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Okay.

Krystal Powless: His line item to the blue line item.

Councilman Ron Bacon: That's what I was looking at.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: The blue line item.

Krystal Powless: Equipment Maintenance, well, it's not supposed to be, it's supposed to be a different color.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That one's supposed to be orange, isn't it?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Oh, I'm glad I'm not color blind.

Krystal Powless: No, you're not.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Okay, I'm good.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I couldn't have done all this. Doing all that stuff, I appreciate all that you've done.

Councilman Ron Bacon: You don't like the color, Greg?

Councilman Greg Richmond: I like the colors. But, I couldn't do it. Spreadsheets aren't my thing. Okay, anybody have anything else?

Jake Greer: The papers that Jenny had given you, part of that is, I had listed some things that the Part-Time Field Officer, what he's done. Actually, he's still listed, that position is still listed as a Part-Time Deputy Director. That's some of the stuff that he's done over the last part of last year and this year also. And then the last, the spreadsheet Jenny made up, is the inventory at the disaster supply building if you had any questions about where some of the money's going for, that has most everything that we've purchased so far and put in that building.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Jake Greer: And if you ever want to go see that building, I'm always open to meet you down there or take you down there, one (1), to look in that building.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It's a really nice place.

Jake Greer: Thank you for your time.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Jake Greer: Pardon?

Beth Williams: Just that we did put in raises (Inaudible),

Krystal Powless: Right.

Jake Greer: Yeah, (inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Jake Greer: Thank you for your time.

Krystal Powless: Thank you, all.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Councilman Chris Whetstone: Appreciate it. Thanks.

CORONER

Councilman Greg Richmond: Now, Coroner.

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Good morning.

Councilman Rick Reid: Good morning.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good morning.

Krystal Powless: It's page seven (7).

Councilman Ron Bacon: Seven (7).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Are we able to use the portable mobile morgue?

Coroner Sarah Seaton: I'm just going to start recording my answer and just playing it.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Sorry.

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Not for my, not for my purposes. And that's because it's not on and running and ready all the time. And so, when we need it, it might be 2:00 in the morning. It might be 4:00 in the afternoon. So, that's why we use the Vanderburgh County Morgue.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. And what's the difference between Autopsies and Autopsies Related?

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Generally, what comes out of the Autopsies Related are the supplies like body bags.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: And just so you know, she just submitted an Additional Appropriation for August for more, her Morgue Fees line item.

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: What line item?

Krystal Powless: Morgue Fees. I can't remember how much it was for. But...

Coroner Sarah Seaton: I think maybe it was two thousand (\$2,000.00).

Krystal Powless: I think that sounds right. So.

Coroner Sarah Seaton: That should carry through the year.

Councilman Ron Bacon: What's their fees now?

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Still just a hundred dollars (\$100.00) a person.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Still a hundred (\$100.00)?

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Yeah, they haven't raised it.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Thankfully.

Coroner Sarah Seaton: So, I just have more deaths.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah. I know that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: They're doing a lot of business here lately.

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Too much business. And that's the biggest, the biggest increase that I've asked for this year's in Autopsies. And that's because right now, I'm at thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) for the year. We're halfway through the year. So, I increased the, the request from, I think the forty-six (\$46,000.00) to sixty thousand (\$60,000.00). The fees and down the line and I'm sure every person that's come before you guys has explained that the reason why a lot of these items, of these line items are going up just like small amounts is because the price of everything is going up. So, with the Autopsies Related, Office Supplies, all of those things, just the prices have gone up. So, I've just added a little bit more to each of those line items. Nothing significant. But, the cost of Autopsies has gone up from two thousand (\$2,000.00) to like twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.00). And he's stated charging for the toxicology, which makes each one (1) be, instead of two thousand (\$2,000.00), close to, closer to about twenty-eight hundred (\$2,800.00) which is still not bad, but that's where we are.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I forgot what our, Out of City, is that...?

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Out of County? So, yeah, that would be somebody that like their case...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Vanderburgh?

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Yeah, their case started in Warrick County. Like EMS responded to them, to them in Warrick County, took them to St. Vincent, they died there and then Vanderburgh County does the autopsy and then they charge us for it. So, and I increase that just because the price of one (1) autopsy, like what we had in that budget line wasn't even enough to cover one (1) autopsy that we would have for the year. And that, that's usually is all that they charge us for is one (1) maybe two (2).

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't have any more questions. Anybody else?

Unknown: No.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Nope.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Coroner Sarah Seaton: Thank you. Have a good morning. Thank you.

Krystal Powless: Just real quick, the first appointment was supposed to be at 12:10 (PM), but Area Plan could not come at their time slot at 10:25 this morning, because they were doing site reviews. So, I've scheduled them to come at 12:05 (PM). Okay, so, 12:05 (PM) is technically the time that you'll need to be back.

(Lunch Break from 10:16 AM to 12:05 PM)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilman Greg Richmond: Are we ready? Alright.

Krystal Powless: We're going to do Area Plan, remember?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Area Plan. Page fourteen (14).

Councilman Rick Reid: Is that recorder on?

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: The little recorder, does she have that?

Krystal Powless: I hit record, so I hope I did it right. But, at least the main one's going.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You've got an item going to Personnel. I read that.

Molly Barnhill: Um hum.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And everything else is all in line.

Molly Barnhill: The only thing I changed was the five percent (5%) raises. Everything else remains the same. I'm an easy one (1).

Councilman Greg Richmond: Appreciate that.

Molly Barnhill: Do you have any questions for me?

Councilman Greg Richmond: I don't.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Nope.

Councilman Rick Reid: Nope.

Molly Barnhill: Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you.

Molly Barnhill: Thank you.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Mike Wilder: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: Yeah, exactly.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah, there's going to be a lot of questions now.

Krystal Powless: Is yours that way?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: That's not even right.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: No kidding. That's...

Councilman David Hachmeister: Well, you don't have to talk. You can just give right now and go on.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Start with page five (5).

Krystal Powless: We're starting, I'll tell you what or where is first.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: We going to do Sheriff first?

Krystal Powless: Um hum.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: I did send some notes over with my budgets I hope she shared. I think you did. Obviously, I would love it to be that, be, I carry a plan and say, I haven't raised my budget. But, everything that we're buying and purchasing is obviously going up. Most, most of my requests are because of that. I asked for a five percent (5%) raise for my employees also. But, actually, if you have any questions, I won't go through each and every one (1) of them. I know the shift premium that I'm wanting to raise has to, I believe, go through the actual Personnel first. We are wanting to give everybody fifty cents (\$0.50). Right now, our second shift makes thirty-five cents (\$0.35) on the hour and thirds, fifty (\$0.50). But, most people's second shifts or the shift they don't want to get, have to work, and that's kind of what...

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's the worst one (1).

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yeah, and that's kind of why there's shift differentials. But, that has to go to Personnel. Most of those things in there are self-explanatory. I probably want to hit on the last one again, Motorized Cars. We never really get properly funded. Not complaining, just saying. But pricing, '21 pricing to '22, went out the roof. We have no idea what '23 pricing is going to be. But, even if it stayed at '22, which I doubt it does, we'd be really under-budgeted in that line item. You know, so, I'll shut up and let you ask if you have any other questions.

Councilman Rick Reid: Is your gas prices going to be okay?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: What's that?

Councilman Rick Reid: I said, is gas prices going to be okay?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Well, no, the gas is, we're going through, our gas budget is pretty high right now too.

Councilman Rick Reid: Yeah.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: So that's, it's got, there's an increase. We asked for that to. Basically, all of our increases are just trying to compensate for price increases, inflation.

Councilman Greg Richmond: You have, somebody on here has Motorized Equipment possibly moving it to LIT.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, that was just a note I made.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, so we need...

Sheriff Mike Wilder: We already do have, Greg, some in LIT.

Krystal Powless: Yes. Yes.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: But, we got a little over here and a little in LIT as we currently stand.

Krystal Powless: Right. And that's why I put the question mark. Like if this wouldn't afford it, maybe it could afford it over there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay. Yeah, part of what I'm telling a lot of people is if we hire all the new people that everybody wants, cause it's not just you, it's everybody, and increase budgets a whole lot, we don't have room for raises. So, we've gotta kind of balance all this out the best we can. Apologizing ahead of time, if it doesn't work totally...

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Work.

Councilman Greg Richmond: But, we want to use the LIT tax for what it's meant for and, but right now the requests in it are above and beyond.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yeah, and I know there's another meeting coming with that. So really, most of my, in the Sheriff's line item though, other than the five percent (5%), most of those increases that we're asking for just simply, trying to prepare for inflation. Not because we're, you know, mostly.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: What is the Motorized Equipment? Is it just to purchase the vehicles?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: No, we, it purchases the vehicle, but then we had to outfit it.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Sure.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: So, when you purchase, sometimes you can take the old vehicle and move things over. The radios usually can stay in there if it's just replacing a car. If it's a new staff member, when we add new, then you got to have everything. Sometimes you will take the old radio out. Some of the siren boxes will move over. Obviously, you still have to buy new decals. Sometimes the light bar is no longer any good. We try to do our best.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Sure.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: There is not just purchasing cars, outfitting it also.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah, that makes sense.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: And, you know, some of the things we're going to experience here, we ordered Fords this year instead of Dodges because they were six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) cheaper. So, some of the equipment may not, we always try to buy universal equipment, but sometimes they don't always fit.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Yeah, certainly.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I have a question. When you talk about adding on sirens and things like that, do any of our public safety vehicles, whether it's ambulance or you all have the, I don't know what you call it, vibration...

Sheriff Mike Wilder: The rumbler?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Rumbler, yeah.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: We don't, none of my Deputies, my Chief's here, every one of them would love to have it. It's about another two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). So, just, you asked about a car, you start here, you add all this, you add the rumbler. It's a great tool. We don't have it. For you guys who don't know...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, cause so many people are playing their radios so loud. And in my car, it's heavily insulated. I don't, even if I don't have our radio up, I still don't hear 'til they get right up on me.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yeah, what that does, it kind of puts out like a bass like, where basically, you almost feel it in your car. And Newburgh has it. We want them. It's like, but I go by my budget. We're, you know, trying, you know, trying. I mean, so, we just, it's about, I think it's about two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each one (1). Maybe a little under now or maybe a lot more now.

Councilman Greg Richmond: (Inaudible) about forty (40) cars?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: So, you see, I mean you just try to do that balance. Even when you're putting lights on, you know, you want to be make sure you visualize, how much do you spend? You know, you've got your light bar put on the front grill, back grill.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Are cell phone going up that much?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: So, cell phones have never been, they're, they're stable. There, but we've never been funded right there. So, it's not just, it's really not so much our cell phones. I think it's under cell phone, and Sherry, you can correct me, all of our cars have a hotspot. That's how they run their computer in their car. But, that's cell phones, that's Wi-Fi service, and we pay that out there too, right? And that's where that biggest fee is because we have that in every car. Because our cell phones, we've got most of them free now other than about ten (10) or twelve (12) or so maybe a few more of our staff first (inaudible). But, we were able to go to T-Mobile with free phone service.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Okay.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: That's the big and it's always been understaffed, so it's not going up. It's just, we've every year had to pay that out of other line items every year.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, does T-Mobile have good coverage?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: I think it's all right. Some people argue. Somebody always tells you Verizon is better, AT&T's better. But for what we're giving to our Deputies is a cell phone and they can take pictures and to upload evidence with it. Plus they have that Wi-Fi in their car now. They can hit that switch for their phones; it's doing good.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Cause I know that was an issue for a while where they get in spots where they couldn't call in (inaudible).

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yeah, so our cars are using AT&T, the high, the AT&T Wi-Fi's what the hotspots are in their cars and that's what their mobiles run off and stuff. I say mobiles, their computers and how they receive Dispatch and everything.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anybody have any more questions on the Jail budget?

Councilman Brad Overton: Nope.

JAIL

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next up, is, I'm sorry, not the Jail, Sheriff's budget. We go to Jail next, twenty-three (23). Page twenty-three (23), the Jail budget.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: This one's pretty simple too. Asked for a five percent (5%) raise for employees. And out of that budget, that's about it other than obviously, meals. All those budgets, everything is costing more. I saw the Today

Show this morning, eggs are up thirty-two (32%). I mean, we're experiencing all that within the Jail. Our population is growing because, we, last year's budget, maybe the one (1) before, we had COVID. So, the numbers went way down. And our Jail population has grown back and now the cost of meals are outrageous. Food supplies, you've probably experienced that at the Country Club trying order stuff. So, we're just trying to prepare for that and continue preparing for that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Anybody have any questions on that one (1)?

CENTRAL DISPATCH

Councilman Ron Bacon: Twenty-two (22)?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, twenty-two (22) is next.

Councilman Rick Reid: Dispatch.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Dispatch, really not increasing too much there other than for the five percent (5%) raise and moving that one (1) line item over to Sheriff to help, because that's where we, when we run out, when you're talking about the cell phones, that's where we come take it from which we can continue to do it. It's just we moved over there it's be a little cleaner if it was in the other budget. Cause that's where we pull that money from.

Krystal Powless: Okay, wait, what did I miss?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: We was asking to move the Communication over to the Sheriff, because of all we use that for is to pay our cell phones. We always move that money from budget to budget every year to help cover that cell phone in Sheriff.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: If it stays the same, it's no big deal. We'll just come back and ask. It's not asking for any.

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – SHERIFF

Krystal Powless: Public Safety is on page thirty-nine (39).

Sheriff Mike Wilder: This is probably the one (1) I'd like to speak the most on. When we went in front of you all, as a committee, Public Safety, we all had to turn in a five (5) year plan or we were supposed to, you know, each agency that wanted money. In my five (5) year plan, everything that I'm asking for it was in that plan. There's really no big surprises here. I understand not, but, you know, so, this is what we're asking for here is an additional five (5) Deputies that was always in that plan. Right now, our plan would be put up for those into the school as SRO's to divide up amongst the elementary schools. And then one (1) to be added to our investigations unit. I don't know if you guys have yet, but I had a meeting with PTO moms and the School Corporation. I think when school gets closer, we're going to see it, but right after Uvalde, if I said that right, that shooting there, parents want protection. I've got a couple of different options. I don't know, I don't have a lot of time here today. But, I've got other options too and some of them were down there. We already have our School Safety, that line we use to pay officers, those mornings that are off-duty, to come cover the schools. But, they don't always get covered. Kind of add these SRO's, they take about, now that, where you need four (4) or five (5) down to two (2) or three (3) and to increase their pay, I think you get people there. Why I say that is, it is their day off, their time off working. Right now, I think we're paying them roughly thirty-three (\$33.00) something an hour. They can make that and more at the hospitals. I know we have so much moonlighting now. Which is good for the Deputy, he can make money off the side. But, their time off is essential and they can go do other things. One (1) of my options down there is to pay them double time when they work it to try to help get the schools. You're going to see, whether you have or not, parents are going to start coming to you because they're going to school. I just met with, me and some parents just met with Mr. Lambert, the superintendent. They are receptive. They know they're gonna have to step up probably, put some more skin in the game, and do some things. Because you can talk about schools all you want, but what parents want is their kids protected.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I was going to ask you, do other Counties, School Corporations fund these? Or is it all on the Sheriff?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: I don't know. I don't know that. I know in some, some large School Corporations, they actually have their own police departments. You know, Evansville is different, but they pretty well try to have an SRO at every school too and they hire, they do some similar stuff hiring off-duty plus they have normal SROs. In years past, the theory was, well, SRO's are there when they first were generated more of a friendly officer thing and help the schools and the students. But that's kind of changed. It is more into, now it's safety. They're more about safety and not there to be officer friendly to build those bridges. You still do that with the students and should, but there's a lot more focus on school safety. And it was always the high schools and middle schools. Well, if you've seen the last three (3) or four (4) school shootings have been elementary schools. Park, you know, you've got different ones in your body and stuff because the kids don't fight back as much because they're small and stuff. I don't know why these people choose to do any of those evil actions. But, I just know our constituents, which will be you guys' decision, I'm willing to do it too, it just has to be funded to help protect all of our schools best we can, the best plan. I know the Schools are in it. That's what we all want. But, it always becomes funding issues. I mean, that's....so.

Councilman Greg Richmond: In watching Uvalde, if someone was watching the cameras, they would have seen this gunman. I don't understand why someone wasn't monitoring. I know all our schools have cameras in them now.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yeah.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Maybe they ought to assign somebody to full time to watch them.

Krystal Powless: I, (inaudible).

Sheriff Mike Wilder: It would be impossible to watch all their cameras.

Krystal Powless: That's to go back and watch like if there was an incident that was reported. They'll go back and watch what happened at certain time.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: We can pull those cameras up live in our Dispatch, the School Corporation and me came up with that agreement. They put that in our Dispatch. We've trained our dispatchers. I have a training in August. We're doing an officer involved shooting, or active shooter in the schools before they, with all the departments here in the County. And one of the things, one (1) of the scenarios, we're going to have our Dispatch have to go over, try to find the bad guy in the cameras. But, we have every school's cameras also there at Dispatch. So, we're way ahead of a lot of Counties. Doesn't make us great. I mean, it's just, when someone wants to do something so evil, there's going to be a way. But, we could always at least say we did the things we needed to do. So, yeah. And I know I'm limited on time, so I'll answer, I'll stay here all day with you. But, I want to jump, hit a few things then you can come back. Last year we asked for an IT person. We did not hire them. When we added the extra lieutenant, we distributed duties out. I talked to Sherry, tried to pass things on that could be done even though she was doing it. Wasn't true IT, even though it had been designated to her. So, we're not asking for that again. We're just taking that completely out of the budget for next year. This year I'm going to come to you and try to move that money over. I'm going to order a bunch of ballistics shields so we'll have two (2) on every shift. That's not really here nor there to this meeting. But...

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's good though.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yeah, cause right now we have one (1). It's at the Sheriff's Office. We just had a shooting there, everybody knows, and when you don't try to run back somewhere to get something that you need up there, it doesn't work. So, we're going to try to put two (2) of those in every car, or on every shift that there's always two (2) of them out there. So, same way if you had that school shooting. We'll never know exactly, we're going to find out, you know, what happened at Uvalde. But, it still, no matter what, to tell four (4), three (3), five (5) officers, run through that door. I know there's gunfire coming and you're probably going to die, but go through that door. That's tough on anybody. I don't know what I'd do. I hope I'd go right through there. But, I've got to give my guys, if I'm going to tell them to do that, I'm going to need to give them the resources. At least a shield, something that protects them more. Cause the vests we wear are not level three (3) SWAT. So, I know there's going to be a lot of judging. I don't know how it's all going to play at Uvalde down there. But, at least I'm going to give my guys those resources whether it's a deal that happens up in Lynnville or it's a school or something, that we've given them tools that at least, to best protect themselves. Because I think every one of my guys will run through that door. But, I want to give them the tools and resources they need. So, we're taking that out of the budget. And the last thing there, once again, since I've been Sheriff and I've preached it and you guys listened, I want us to be the best department. I want people to be envious of Warrick County. Not to just live, but what protects them and the people. And by doing that, you know, I want to keep and retain officers and make, you've got outside agencies, you guys already asked, and they want to come here. So, that's kind of what that last incentive pay line item we're wanting to add is. It just kind of keeps up with other departments. I think about every department around here that has any size, Evansville, Vanderburgh County, that's what they pay their employees if they have to work FTO. They have on-call weekends, things like that. Or if they have their bachelors, that's kind of where that goes. And like, so like, I just want to real quick, like if a guy's an FTO and I don't have anybody that's, what an FTO, a Field Training Officer. If I'm training somebody this quarter, he would get that two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). He didn't have anybody that year. Maybe the other FTO has them. And he would receive the money. Only when he's doing the detail in that quarter. So, he wouldn't get it if he's not actually partaking. Firearms instructor, he's got a lot of liability and training. He has to set a schedule aside. He has to train everybody. He takes on that liability. Other departments pay them a small incentive to do those things because it's easier to say, why am I going to do that if I'm not getting paid any more than you and I've got to take it on? So, we're just looking for ways to reward guys and keep up with other departments. That's what that is.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is that in this?

Krystal Powless: It's not in the line items of the budget. It's in his notes and it's going to Personnel. So, if it comes through, I would put it in there.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Krystal Powless: So.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Okay, sorry.

Krystal Powless: No, it's okay.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: And the only other, the only, we obviously, the biggest thing's probably in that, is adding the five (5) additional officers, which was in the five (5), and one (1) Jailer. The Jailer is very important because, I know, Greg, you've been out, see how we moved our control room, but the staffing that we need. What we were kind of planning on doing this year was taking the Jailer that's over at the Courthouse and moving him back there, maybe put a Deputy there. But, I meant to bring you guys some emails. They will tell you having a Jailer up there is so beneficial because he understands when a Judge says, here's his sentence. He understands how the Jail works and can relay information to the Judge in the Courtroom and different things. He understands the inmates and stuff. It's, they've all

emailed me. Once we moved them back, during COVID, we took them out cause there was no Courts. But, when I moved them back, like, we've got to have this Jailer. I can send you the emails from the Judges themselves. You can ask them to come up here. So, I need to get the proper staffing out at the Sheriff's Office. That's why we're asking for that. That was, I think, in the original LIT five (5) year plan also.

Councilman Rick Reid: So, do you have an officer at each school now?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Every high school and middle school is covered. And then Boonville, it won't happen in the school year this August when it starts, but Boonville's going to take over their schools and I have a Deputy in the middle school, so he will come out and go somewhere else. Which will be, my, what my plan was, and I'm not sure even this is what every parent wants, I was going to have an SRO for every two (2) schools, every elementary, so he can kind of, that's all he has to take care of. I know some parents, they're willing to put in their own money, their PTO's are. They want an officer there every single day. But, I've sat down with them. You guys will probably have to at some point and explain to them funding. You know, if it's funded, I'll do it. But, if it doesn't, I've got to be careful. It doesn't make sense, I've got fifteen (15) officers and fifteen (15) schools today, but I've got six (6) officers or four (4) officers working the streets today. I mean, you've got to...

Councilman Greg Richmond: You've got to look at it.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Yeah, you've got to, but I mean, you don't, you tell some mom, you're not going to protect their kid. And I mean, I've got kids in school. You've all got and grandkids. So, I mean, it's just, it's just going to be that balance of what we think's right and what we can fund. I'm willing to do it all if I'm funded. And that's not putting any pressure on you, but I mean, we will. I mean, if we're funded right. We'll do it if that's what...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: There is a, and I'll let you guys ask any questions, there is a Motorized line, Equipment, in there too. So, there's one (1) in each budget.

Krystal Powless: I have a question. Back to the School Resource Officers, so if they give you the four (4) School Resource Officers out of LIT, will every school have a Resource Officer?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: No, it will be close. And I'd have to do that math, because originally, we're going to let Chandler do Chandler Elementary. We were going to let Newburgh do Newburgh Elementary. Boonville, Boonville's agreed. Boonville's going to do their two (2) elementaries. I don't know where those two (2) departments are.

Krystal Powless: So, that, other than knowing those two (2), would we all be covered?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: We'd still be like one (1) school shy.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Tennyson.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Because you've got Lynnville, Elberfeld, Tennyson, Sharon, John H., and Yankeeetown. So, that's six (6). So, you've got two (2) schools not covered. But, you could easily cover those two (2) schools then with that, when you're only trying to find two (2) guys, yeah...

Krystal Powless: With the (inaudible) part-time, yes. Okay.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Then you could easily get those covered.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: But, now, if I'm gonna still maintain the school safety presence at Newburgh and Chandler, you know, I, that's a discussion...

Krystal Powless: I think they need to put their teeth in the game too.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah, um hum.

Krystal Powless: If the other Cities are, just my opinion. But...

Sheriff Mike Wilder: So, like Chandler right now, when they have an issue in the school, even if it's criminal, which it's kind of hard to say criminal because they're juveniles and young children, they still call our SRO to come. Chandler police doesn't, unless it's something real strange, our SRO, Jared Busing, that's one (1) of his schools. He goes over and takes care of that. You know, my idea is if you had one (1) SRO for two (2) elementaries, that covers them. You know, I mean all the time. I mean, there's not an officer, but we can do a lot of things. We can fortify these schools. We can have an officer in every school, which I think is the best thing to stop a threat is to have an officer at a school. But, you still, then you've got school busses. What do you do about every school bus? I mean, it just, as our Safety Commission, we talk about these things. It gets complicated and frustrating. But, when you see what happened there in Uvalde, that brings us all back to, this most devastating thing could ever happen in this community. And I don't think any of us want to say, well, we knew we could have done better, but we didn't. But, there's still that balance. I don't know what that balance is.

Councilman Rick Reid: I don't know how you'd live with yourself as a policeman when you stand out in the hallway and you're not going in. You know, to me...

Sheriff Mike Wilder: And I don't want to judge them. I wouldn't stand in there, because there was bullets coming out. I mean, they just weren't standing, but I get up, that's all I'm saying is, I think they probably thought they was shooting at them and not hurting the kids at that point. They probably thought, back twenty (20) years ago, it was always, take hostages. And the hostages were bait. That's not what the people do now. They're out for mass killings. It's all about the kills.

Councilman Rick Reid: They want to set a record.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Anymore, seeing this everywhere. You're having a parade and they're shooting people. I mean these people.

Councilman Rick Reid: Sick people.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: I have a lot, I know, and a little time, but you know, I will still be on to meet with anybody one (1) on one (1), group emails, wherever you want to discuss. Anything on my budgets or anything I can help answer? Questions maybe we didn't get answered here today? I will say, I know a little, but I know that the Public Safety now, everybody's wanting to beef it up. But, one (1) of the primary things was for law enforcement protection. We try not to, me and Chief sat down, this isn't a dream list. This is what we need, and what we thought we needed when we made our five (5) year plan to get Warrick County where we are at.

Councilman Rick Reid: I'd really like to see every school have an officer in there. You know, I don't know...

Krystal Powless: You think you could get the School Corporation to do, to do two (2)?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: I think we need somebody besides myself from the county, whether it's a County Commissioner, Council President to sit down and hold the fire to them and see what they say. I will say that Dr. Lambert is very receptive. Seems that, you know, that he understands it too. He came from a school district by Columbine.

Krystal Powless: Colorado.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: So, he's aware of things and sees and knows and understands. He's got kids. His wife's a teacher, I think. So, he gets it. I know I don't want to be the only one (1) negotiating with him. I want somebody else. But, I think we need to put a little, come together and do something quick. Because school starts in August and parents know that. And you're doing budgets now. I do think that we'll do something.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I'd be happy to go and meet. Probably would take one (1) other Councilman. And then we can get a Commissioner.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: This was big probably three (3) years ago, if I remember. About, so, kind of like anything, the further you get away from tragedy even though they weren't local, I mean you still want it. But now, this is back and if that would have happened, I mean, we were out of school. If we would have been in school, you probably got, and I think you're going to start seeing those calls. And I'll be honest, I'm actually deflected a lot of them for you, Greg, to be honest. I said, come to me first, let me, and that, those same parents, I just met with Dr. Lambert Monday. Actually, wanted to schedule, but I'm trying to, I said come at us the right way. I'm all on your side. I'm sure they are too, but it's all that balance of money and personnel.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay, anybody, anything else?

Sheriff Mike Wilder: Well, thank you guys for your time. I know you got a long day and a lot of hard decisions to make, so thanks.

Councilman Rick Reid: Thanks for all your hard work.

Sheriff Mike Wilder: For hearing me out. Have a good day, guys, thanks.

Councilman Chris Whetstone: Thanks. Appreciate it.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Councilman Greg Richmond: Next up is Solid Waste.

Krystal Powless: And I know I put a handout, but I think I attached them in the back of, the very back. I know I did. That's where I put them in mine. But.

Reagan Opperman: I did bring them just in case. And I did actually find a mistake on one (1) of mine.

Krystal Powless: Alright, I'll hand them out then.

Reagan Opperman: Thank you.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, I was looking at it and it had '19, '20 and '21 on some of these and didn't have '22. You go further back it had '22. That's what was in our book anyway. I've got this one (1) at home.

Reagan Opperman: Reagan Opperman with Warrick County Solid Waste. We are asking for, and I have Ben here with me as well. He's going to speak here in a minute. We are asking for the bottom line of our budget, six hundred fifty-seven thousand sixty-six dollar (\$657,066.00) for expenditures. In addition to that, a twelve percent (12%) levy increase to potentially help fund our automation project. On this page here, the budget adjustments, I created that just to kind of give you what, where I made decreases and increases at. I did put in for a five percent (5%) pay increase for our employees, but we did remove one (1) full time position. So, that's why you see a decrease there in the salaries, wages, and benefits. I also increased our office supplies by five thousand (\$5,000.00). We're needing a couple of new computers and printer. General repair prices are just going up on everything. And I took the money out of it last year, I was putting back into it. Rock and asphalt, I increased that by two hundred one thousand (\$201,000.00). The rock price has gone up and I don't know how many of you visit our Pelzer Road location, but it is in dire need of being repaved. So, I've put in for that. Public Relations, I increased that by three hundred dollars (\$300.00). I would like to be able to boost some of our advertisements on our social media pages for new hiring and our special events and things like that just to get the word out there a little more. Our Contractual line items, I increased that by twenty-three thousand two hundred forty-six dollars (\$23,246.00) for pay raises for our Processing Center employees and the licensing on our accounting software has gone up. Wood grinding for mulching at our Pelzer Road facility, I increase that by five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Our Telephones, increased that by a thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) cause the phone and internet costs have gone up. Property insurance increased that by four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$495.00). Electric, Gas, and Water, I increased that by five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). We're running a little low on that this year. Site Repair and Maintenance, I increased that twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). We're needing a new phone system and all new wiring ran for that phone system and our internet and stuff out at Pelzer Road. Miscellaneous Dues, I did decrease that. I had put in for a job study last year and our Board has decided not to do it. So, I'm removing that. Projects, so, I increased that by seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) put in for Hazardous Waste Day back in the budget. We would like to continue doing that annually. It was a successful event this year. Our Motorized Equipment, I increased that by four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00). We're needing an F-350 truck, a scissor lift, a roll off truck, the skid steer, and a forklift. And Bond Payments, I decreased that by eighty-nine thousand four hundred one dollars and fifty cents (\$89,401.50). That is the savings from our refinancing on our Processing Center loans. And this page here is just one (1) time expenditures that I have put in the budget for next year. Just one (1) time things that we're gonna need to get taken care of such as the paving, new phone system, F-350, scissor lift, roll-off truck, and the approximate prices on those.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I know about the phone system.

Reagan Opperman: It's bad.

Councilman Greg Richmond: It's bad.

Reagan Opperman: It's bad.

Councilman David Hachmeister: What's the Small Business Program?

Reagan Opperman: The small business, we currently service over fifty (50) small businesses in Warrick County. We go out and we have, they setup their, they registered with us. We supply them with containers and we go, they call in when their containers are full of recycling paper, cans, whatever it may be. We go out and pick those up and bring them back to our facility for recycle. It's free of charge to any Warrick County business.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And I would like to speak to Contractual. He can never get a full staff out there anymore. They don't want to work for the money we pay them. And a lot of times these contractual people are people that really aren't motivated, highly motivated to work and they're in and out of lots of jobs. And the automation can help solve quite a bit of that. That's why we really pushed for the automation out there. Because some days, they don't really call in to Freddie and say, I'm going to be sick or things like that. They just, he's supposed to have, how many, eighteen (18) people?

Reagan Opperman: Eighteen (18) people is what is budgeted.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Supposed to be out there sorting. He'll have days when there's six (6), ten (10). It's a good day when he has a dozen.

Reagan Opperman: He's had nine (9) this week.

Krystal Powless: What do we pay them?

Reagan Opperman: Their starting pay is twelve dollars (\$12.00). I'd have to look back...

Councilman Greg Richmond: I think that's what it is.

Councilman David Hachmeister: Twelve eighteen (\$12.18)?

Reagan Opperman: I want to say twelve (\$12.00). Actually, it might be less than that. It might be eleven (\$11.00) something. And we, but...

Councilman Greg Richmond: Doesn't that include benefits?

Reagan Opperman: It does not. We hire them through Express Employment and they're considered full-time employees that work forty (40) hours a week. But, them being hired through Express Employment, we have to pay a thirty-four percent (34%) surcharge on each employee.

Krystal Powless: So, why aren't we hiring them as actual part-time employees and paying them twenty dollars (\$20.00) an hour and getting people there to work?

Reagan Opperman: The benefits. That's, I don't have an answer for that? That's, I mean, we've discussed several options.

Councilman Rick Reid: Got to get Council approval

Krystal Powless: They don't have to have Council approval.

Councilman Rick Reid: Okay.

Reagan Opperman: Yeah, we've discussed several options on, but even twenty dollars (\$20.00) an hour, I'd have to look at the numbers on it to see where that would be.

Krystal Powless: I mean, I know some people that need jobs. But, you know, they're not going to come for twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) an hour.

Reagan Opperman: I think it might be less than nine (\$9.00). We're being charged fourteen (\$14.00), fifteen dollars (\$15.00) because of that surcharge.

Krystal Powless: That makes no sense.

Reagan Opperman: And when we looked at, Freddie wanted to bring a couple of them on full time and that increases it even higher because of the benefits included in that.

Krystal Powless: Right, but if you paid them, if you paid them a good hourly rate, you might actually get people there that want to work.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I remember Express saying that they could not find anybody for less than twelve (\$12.00).

Reagan Opperman: Yes.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And a lot of other services are paying fourteen (\$14.00) and fifteen (\$15.00).

Reagan Opperman: Fifteen (\$15.00). Yeah.

Krystal Powless: But, I mean, I'm saying, why, you know, you go through Express? Why aren't you just hiring them part-time yourself?

Councilman David Hachmeister: Save thirty-six (36)...

Reagan Opperman: Save the thirty-six percent (36%).

Krystal Powless: Save the, save the money that's going to Express and hire the individuals yourself.

Councilman Greg Richmond: We would have to have a pool of people to hire from. I think that's why they went with Express.

Krystal Powless: Well...

Reagan Opperman: Yeah, he was having trouble finding, we originally went with SIRS if I'm not mistaken, and had people out there and it didn't work out.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Reagan Opperman: So, we started looking at a temp agency.

Krystal Powless: But if you advertise at twenty (\$20.00) an hour, twenty dollar (\$20.00) an hour job, you're gonna get some people that want to work.

Reagan Opperman: More people. I mean, it's worth running, I'll talk to Freddie and have him run those numbers and see what they look like.

Krystal Powless: I have no idea how the Board works. It's just a thought. And I'm saying all this, I don't know if you caught, I just want to make sure you catch this. But, they're asking for a twelve percent (12%) levy increase in order to, to do this upgrade. Right? Where everyone else is going to be held accountable to the five percent (5%). Okay? So, you would be increasing property taxes in order to fund this. I just want to, I'm only going to say this one (1) time to make sure everybody understands what's, you know, what's going on. If that's your choosing, that's great. That's fine. Just know, your choosing to increase those taxes.

Reagan Opperman: Ben also has some scenarios that he has done and took before our Board to bring here for you guys to look at today, as well as for him to go over that with you. And I can let him speak on those. Do you guys have any questions for me regarding increases or decreases in our budget? Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I do want to say, Krystal, isn't it true, when everybody else was only getting the three point five (3.5%) or four point two (4.2%), weren't we still getting five (5%)?

Krystal Powless: You were still getting five (5%).

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, maybe six (6%)? Something like that? Just something to think about. Food for thought.

Ben Roeger: Okay, in terms of the budget itself, in terms of the one (1) time increases, they're fully funded in the sense that tax bases has a cash balance that's carried forward that's going to fund those items. The carry forward balance makes up the part of your budget spending unused. The big question that is with the automation project and the cost there. There's positive cash flow now within the current budget-based recycling fees. We can pay for a portion of the, the debt service from the excess revenue. The question is, how much, if any of that debt service should be paid from a tax levy that's available to the District that's used. Earlier this year we approved up to a half million dollars (\$500,000.00) of increase. It would be available again. Nothing was adopted then. It would be adopted in the fall. Now, the budget in front of you assumes a scenario where we're assuming property values are going to go up next year pretty significantly statewide. That official number won't be available until August 1st. But, the scenario shows that assuming that the assessed value goes up by twelve percent (12%) and the tax levy for the District goes up by twelve percent (12%), maintaining a level tax rate, and that would generate about a hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00) in additional revenue then to fund the debt service on this project.

Krystal Powless: You comment, you comment. You comment, Debbie.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Okay, well, that's really not the way it works on what's collected. Because there are tax caps that keep the taxes from increasing at the same rate as the assessed value. So, you can't really budget off of a projection that assessed values are increasing by twelve percent (12%) because taxes won't...

Councilman Rick Reid: The rate will go down...

Auditor Debbie Stevens: The rate won't go up at the same rate and you won't collect all that. You know, you can't project off of assessed values in other words.

Ben Roeger: Tax rates based on your tax levy divided by your assessed values. So, we know what the rate would be. But, you're correct in terms of the collections, would be different.

Krystal Powless: Yes.

Councilman Rick Reid: We don't know what the rate will be, yeah.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: You can have a high tax rate but that doesn't necessarily mean you're going to collect at that rate.

Ben Roeger: Correct.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Because of tax caps, because that protects the property owners from having to pay a two (2%) or three percent (3%) increase in a tax raise.

Ben Roeger: Correct.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: So, I think maybe your calculation, like you're over-stating by using that assumption. You're over-stating the amount that would be collected.

Ben Roeger: Okay, we, in that, it's possible. I don't think it's going to be too much. But, it's possible, yeah, in that sense.

Auditor Debbie Stevens: Did I explain that okay?

Krystal Powless: Yes, absolutely.

Councilman Rick Reid: Great.

Ben Roeger: So, the scenario in front of you shows the projected debt for five (5) years. Now, again, we have one (1) time costs in 2023. But, if you look at 2024 under the scenario with a twelve percent (12%) levy increase, we're looking at it at a deficit near '24, a hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) which is relatively small. It can be financed through cash reserves, which will carry forward to the future years. Alright? From 2022, it's going to carry forward to 2023.

Krystal Powless: Just so you know, I feel like the vibe I'm getting, we have a couple Board members that are watching too and they're texting me. I feel like, just so that you are prepared when you go back, that five percent (5%) will be the maximum and you need to try to work it out from there. Okay?

Reagan Opperman: We have scenarios for that.

Ben Roeger: Yeah, we have scenarios for that, yeah.

Krystal Powless: I don't want to speak for all of them, but that is just the vibe I'm getting to give you feedback.

Ben Roeger: Okay. There was a scenario with a five percent (5%) increase. It's a hundred thirty thousand dollar (\$130,000.00) difference in terms of revenues.

Reagan Opperman: Does anyone have any questions regarding his scenarios that he handed out?

Ben Roeger: And again, the debt service on the automation project will come in front of you again later this year.

Krystal Powless: If that's truly going to come in front of them again, you might want to run numbers on increasing the part-time in comparison to what something like that costs in getting there and that kind of thing.

Ben Roeger: Yeah, there was one (1) scenario, which I talked to Friday, which involved reducing some of that money we had budgeted for some of the part-time which is going unused and staffing that with additional personnel. But, I can rework those numbers and have them.

Krystal Powless: I'm just thinking if they have questions, then it's all right there, it would go better that way.

Reagan Opperman: And from my understanding also with the automation project, if we were to go forth with that and complete that project, it would also, we would eliminate a lot of those part-time positions. And we would be able to instead put in a couple of full-time positions that will be through Solid Waste. And it would create a couple of new jobs through Solid Waste and eliminate a lot of those part-time jobs. Anybody have any questions?

Councilman Ron Bacon: I've got a question about operations, not about your budget. Because I've had a number of people ask me. Cause I heavily recycle.

Reagan Opperman: Yes.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Do, is there a reason you don't do glass? I can't answer the question when...

Councilman Greg Richmond: I've asked that a bunch.

Councilman Ron Bacon: But, I have another, there's another county, a couple over from us that does.

Reagan Opperman: That they do?

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah, and I said I don't know why we don't and they do. Cause I send mine over there now.

Reagan Opperman: Oh, well, that's good. We discontinued that program a couple of years ago. We have a glass grinder, but we're not set up to run that glass grinder and it was gonna be a big expense to run it. But, in addition to that, we didn't have anybody to buy the glass from us. It was going to cost us quite a bit of money, from my understanding, several thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per load to ship it out with no revenue coming in to be able to pay for that, to put them, to be able to pay for the shipping of that glass out. But my understanding, and I wish Freddie were here because that's a Freddie question, is that don't even have a buyer at the time. They wanted us to pay them to take it. So, that is why we discontinued that program.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Okay. Then I can answer.

Reagan Opperman: Yes. Any other questions? Okay.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Guess not. Thank you.

Reagan Opperman: Thank you.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Councilman Greg Richmond: Page fifty-one (51) Parks and Recreation. Fund 1219.

Ben Labhart: I didn't want to start out, when me and Audrey were going over this, Krystal, we found a mistake for the Assistant Superintendent.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Ben Labhart: It was fifty-three thousand two hundred ninety (\$53,290.00). It's actually fifty-one-seven-three-eight-seventy-eight (\$51,738.78).

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Ben Labhart: We're asking for seven percent (7%) increases for full time employees. And I don't know how, we just made a mistake. So.

Krystal Powless: That's okay. It's better than it was that way because I advertised high.

Ben Labhart: Fifty-one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight and seventy-eight cents (\$51,738.78). There are a handful of line items that we're asking for increases in. I think the two (2) main reasons are we're just busier. And everything costs more now, like our water and electric accounts. I mean like right now, this, this week, the campground's completely full. You know, it's usually, in past years during the week, we haven't been as busy as we are. So, that's part of the reason. But also, you know, the City of Boonville just, the water prices and sewage prices have gone through the roof. So, we did base those on, we did base those on last year's, what we spent.

Councilman Greg Richmond: I was out there in the middle of the week not too long ago. And I cannot believe how full that place was.

Ben Labhart: I don't know what's going on with camping. It's just, every single year it keeps getting busier and busier and we're, we're full every single weekend. So, I think now people are camping during the week a lot.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Maybe because hotels are two hundred dollars (\$200.00) a night.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Might be.

Ben Labhart: But, like I said, the utilities, water and electric, we're asking for quite a bit more.

Councilman Ron Bacon: How does that work? As far as, I mean, you're getting more fees then for them camping.

Ben Labhart: Yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: You're getting more in, but it's not an offsetting? Is that, your income's not offsetting the extra expenses?

Ben Labhart: We don't, I mean, we don't, we don't get to use the profits we make. I don't know exactly how it works. I mean, I'm sure it helps. You know, we are making more in camping in the past three (3) years than we have been.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, I guess it's dumped back into General Fund.

Councilman Ron Bacon: That's what I was wondering.

Councilman Greg Richmond: And into their General Fund, not to the County's General Fund.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Right.

Councilman Greg Richmond: So, when there's an additional appropriation needed, we can take it out of there.

Councilman Ron Bacon: It's there. Okay. Cause I know the other, I mean, out where I live out in Campbell Township, the campground out there is, you used to never see anybody during the week.

Ben Labhart: Yeah.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Now, it's packed.

Ben Labhart: Like I said this week, there's a big, there's a big, there's a big, there's a big, there's a big softball tournament going on in Evansville.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Ben Labhart: So, that's part of the reason why we're so full this week. But, I mean, it's been, this year we've been, not staying completely full, but we've been way busier during the week than we ever had. And some of the other accounts, we're asking for increases, General, Building Materials. I mean Building Materials are so much higher.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah.

Ben Labhart: Equipment Maintenance and Cleaning Supplies and, it's the same thing. I think it's a combination of the fact that we're busier and just also everything's more expensive. So, that's why we're asking for increases in those accounts.

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton just texted, "Can you ask Ben about the slide repairs?"

Ben Labhart: So, we are either going to try to obviously get the pool fixed or make other arrangements. Either a new pool, or they're possibly talking about, trying to get a new splash pad. When we found the leak, it happened at a very bad time. It happened right before Memorial Day weekend and we're in a situation where, you know, if the pool wasn't going to be able to, and we did have somebody try to fix the leaks and it just didn't work. But, we were in a situation where, if we didn't let about four (4) of the lifeguards know that we weren't going to be able to hire them, it would have left them without being able to seek other employment. So, we made the decision to close it for this year and hopefully get, get it fixed for next year. Whether it be replacing it, getting it fixed, or replacing it with a splash pad.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Ben Labhart: So, there is discussion going on about options.

Krystal Powless: Okay.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Got on here chemicals are algae and weed control. Is that for the lake?

Ben Labhart: Yeah, to spray the lake every year. We didn't do that, I mean, we wouldn't be able to open the beach. The weeds would just be out of control in there.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Had you ever thought about tilapia?

Ben Labhart: Tilapia?

Councilman Ron Bacon: In a fifteen-acre lake, we used to have the same issue with algae and that. And we had it sprayed and we had to do it every year. We went to putting tilapia in there the last three (3) years now. We have no algae.

Ben Labhart: Well, the weeds, we just...

Councilman Ron Bacon: I just, I'm looking at the cost.

Ben Labhart: Well, the weeds we have, it's not just algae.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Okay.

Ben Labhart: It's, I don't know what it's called. It looks like lettuce. It grows in like twelve (12) foot of water and it'll grow from, it'll grow from the bottom all the way to the surface in twelve (12) foot of water.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Okay.

Ben Labhart: I don't think that would take care of that.

Councilman Ron Bacon: I don't think they do that. But, they eat algae.

Ben Labhart: Yeah, I mean we do have algae, but we also have, we also have weeds in there that we spray for.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Because it cost me, it cost us about eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) to put enough Tilapia in there to eat all the algae. But was, you know, it was costing us over two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to have the lake sprayed.

Ben Labhart: Yep. It's definitely a cost.

Councilman Greg Richmond: What's your Contract Services?

Ben Labhart: Contractual Services?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Yeah, it's down at 31421 is where it's at. It went up from thirty-five (\$35,000.00) to forty-eight (\$48,000.00).

Ben Labhart: Well, that used to be, that used to be the credit card charges, but now we use that for other stuff like paying the attorney. I mean we don't have any money in our budget for an attorney. So, we use it for stuff like that. Anytime, I mean, when they come to the meetings, we pay them. We pay them out of our per diem account. But, other than that, if they have to do anything else, write up a contract for something, we just never, we didn't have anything in our budget for that. So, that's what we've been using that for.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Ben, on Maintenance there, is that for all the Parks? I mean, we added five thousand (\$5,000.00). Did that go into that account?

Ben Labhart: No, that went into, it actually went into Economic Development.

Krystal Powless: Economic Development.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Oh, that's yeah, that's right. Okay.

Krystal Powless: It's in there. Yes.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Okay. Thank you. Yeah. So, what is in the Maintenance? What does that...?

Krystal Powless: That's an employee.

Ben Labhart: Oh, that's, yeah, that's...

Krystal Powless: Full time employee.

Ben Labhart: Yeah, that's our maintenance man.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Oh, okay.

Ben Labhart: Yeah.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: Oh, you told me that two (2) years ago.

Ben Labhart: The other ones that aren't, the other ones that don't have...

Councilman Chris Whetstine: The same issue.

Ben Labhart: The other ones that aren't, don't have as much money in them, you know, that's to maintenance, the equipment, building, everything else out there.

Councilman Chris Whetstine: I just was impressed with how small it was. Doing, you know, maintaining everything with, on that. I thought, whoa, that's low. Gotcha.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's all I have.

Councilman Ron Bacon: That's all I have.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Thank you, Ben.

Ben Labhart: Thanks. Do we need to do anything? Is there something...?

Krystal Powless: Uh uh.

Ben Labhart: (Inaudible).

Krystal Powless: No, no, no. I got it. I got it.

COMMISSIONERS

Councilman Greg Richmond: Heather just left.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, she was here. She just took off. I'll go see where she is.

Councilman Greg Richmond: They have lots of stuff.

Krystal Powless: Yeah. They, hey, we're ready.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Get out here.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Fifty-one (51).

Councilman Ron Bacon: And when you're on deck you're not supposed to leave. Cohort's Terry. Good luck with that, huh?

Heather Soberg: Good afternoon, all.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Good afternoon.

Heather Soberg: So, bear with me as I've never done this before.

Krystal Powless: I've told her start out just tell us what...

Councilman Ron Bacon: There he is.

Krystal Powless: What the raises were and then if they had any increases to lines and she could address those.

Heather Soberg: Okay. So, I think, the common theme has been this year is a five percent (5%) increase on salaries. But, I also pulled some information from other surrounding counties to see what they were doing. And that seemed to be the average that everyone was looking at, so I felt that that was a good number for salaries. So, you want to go like one (1) at a time through all of these? Let's start with the Commissioner's budget?

Krystal Powless: Yeah, they have, that's what they have pulled up first.

Heather Soberg: Okay. Perfect. So, we're just across the board, we've done some increases to some of our lines because I've looked at what we've spent so far this year and with the increase in costs of supplies and items, felt that's at least getting us to where we've, that 50% mark now and then getting, you know, doubling that for next year so that we have that in place. For items such as the Juvenile Detention, I know we had to come for an additional appropriation this year for that. Being that that's out of our control, I've got a pretty big number in there. But, we don't know what that's going to look like. We can set that lower and just cover additional appropriations as needed, but, you know, just shooting for the stars.

Krystal Powless: And just to backtrack on that, the reason that was lower was due to COVID. It wasn't due to the fact that they were using it less.

Heather Soberg: Oh, okay.

Councilman Ron Bacon: Yeah

Krystal Powless: Yeah, so now, it's increased again, you know, because we're back at it. So.

Heather Soberg: Gotcha. Okay, Travel Expenses, I've increased those because of the fuel costs, and just, and everything with travel, we talked, we just said a moment ago about the cost of a hotel right now. That's, everything has increased.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Your Group Insurance in the budget...

Heather Soberg: Sorry, I did jump right over that one (1), didn't I?

Councilman Greg Richmond: Is that an estimate?

Heather Soberg: It is. What that is, I've worked with Dave Waltz, our broker and that is the projected maximum outlay based on the 2022 numbers. So, that is assuming, you know, that our fixed costs will stay about the same as far as our monthly premiums and those things. But, never knowing what those claims are, like, so, that's a projection. It is the top of the projection; I'll be honest with you. But, if we can get it budgeted, you know, at that higher level that we know, that we feel that we will stay within that budget.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's two million (\$2,000,000.00) more.

Krystal Powless: I, it's not, I've done a budget or an insurance estimate report and it's in here and it shows what I expect each line to be. And it's not going to be that much.

Councilman Greg Richmond: Okay.

Heather Soberg: But, our census does change throughout the year. And we have to note that we already have a two hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000.00) laser included in our plan right now that is not in these projections. So, just food for thought.

Krystal Powless: And then another thing to take into consideration is some of the, some of what she has in here is budgeted, like the County Council's Central Dispatch some of the others.

Heather Soberg: Yeah.

Krystal Powless: It's divided into other funds. So, like for, for now, the estimate that I have for 2023 for that line items is three million twenty-four thousand one-ninety-two (\$3,024,192.00).

Heather Soberg: So, about a million (\$1,000,000.00) less.

Councilman Ron Bacon: A million (\$1,000,000.00) less.

Councilman Rick Reid: You've got a new position, an Inspector. A Building Inspector?

Heather Soberg: Terry, you want to speak to that.

Councilman Greg Richmond: That's what I'm wondering.

Heather Soberg: And we've sent a few off to Waggoner, Irwin, and Scheele for their input on those as well.

ADDED INSPECTOR DISCUSSION

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Yeah, so the concept of that position basically comes out of all of our Storm Water meetings that we have, all of our highway, road, bridge, citizen complaints. Every single day, seems like we have a fence and an easement; a grate in the road that wasn't constructed properly. We've got engineering firms that are supposed to be out there looking at these things and we've got it, real (inaudible). I'm talking specifically about a road grader. A road grading firm is supposed to inspect it. You know, they catch it, but it wasn't constructed properly. We feel like, just like if you were to build a building, you would have a project manager that would have our collective eyes on the project at all times. We need somebody like this in the County. We have so many drainage and Storm Water projects right now that we cannot do, because there are fences, swimming pools, edges of buildings, pole barns, yard barns that sit in an easement and we can't get to them. We've got AT&T literally running perpendicular across ditches and drainage ways. And when we get citizen complaints, we try to address them the best we can. But, we're to the point where, with the growth we've had in the County, we feel like we need an inspector to go out and help take care of these things and be eyes in the County. This person, in our concept, would also handle our nuisance process. Those things have ballooned to the point where, I think Dan has several dozen open at the time. I've got about a dozen open. Bob probably has a half a dozen. And for the Commissioners to be able to get out there and do all the steps and the inspection process, is, is a little bit time consuming. As we all know, Dennis Lockhart is one of the best building inspectors we've had. He does a great job. We have more growth than Vanderburgh County has, and Vanderburgh County has eight (8). We have one (1). This person would be able to help the Building Inspector. This person would also be able to help do the inspections for APC. So, there's a collective amount of work out there that we're missing and needs to be addressed. And you know, we'd love some input there, but we need to find a way to fund this. FYI, we have talked about the possibility of asking for some ARP money to initialize this position. That hasn't been decided upon yet, but just a possibility. I hope that answers your question.